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North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 9: Civil War and Reconstruction

Section 1: Sectionalism and Secession

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The _____ of the 1850s aggravated the divisions over _____ in North Carolina.
2. In turn, the huge _____ in _____ production turned easterners into defenders of slavery.
3. In 1820, North Carolina's leadership supported the _____, which resulted in a line being drawn westward from the southern border of Missouri.
4. North Carolina was notable for having more of its citizens speak out _____ slavery than any other southern state. Most of the _____ sentiment was in the _____ section of the state.
5. In 1816, _____ in the Uwharries had formed the North Carolina _____ Society, which raised money to buy slaves from their masters.
6. Some _____ also joined the North Carolina _____ Society, which worked to pay the ship passage back to _____ for free blacks who wished to move there.
7. After 1830, however, most North Carolinians strongly _____ slavery. They were following the lead of citizens in other _____ states, who were beginning to profit from the growing demand for cotton.
8. As Americans came to believe in the idea of _____, they chose a North Carolinian who strongly supported that idea to be their president.

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9. _____ was elected president in 1844. To fulfill manifest destiny, Polk moved to _____ (add) Texas to the United States and acquire other _____ territory.
10. Some North Carolinians advocated joining the rest of the South in forming a new, separate _____. The state, however, failed to send delegates to a convention in Nashville, Tennessee, where _____ (the action to be taken if a state decided to leave the Union) was under consideration.
11. Although North Carolina was divided over _____, the state would not side with the _____.
12. After _____ won the election, his outspoken _____ to the growth of slavery convinced southerners that they had to act to protect the means of their livelihood. South Carolina and six other southern states _____ from the Union. In early 1861, they formed the _____ States of America.
13. North Carolina, however, _____ to join the Confederacy.
14. _____, however, only “conditionally” supported the Union. They did not want any _____ action taken against their fellow southern states.