

Lesson 1: North and South Grow Apart

Vocabulary

sectionalism a loyalty to a section of a country rather than to the whole country

Two Regions

The Southern and Northern parts of the United States became very different from each other. In the South most people lived and worked on farms. Southern towns were usually small. In the North many people moved to big cities to work in factories. Southerners and Northerners had different wants. In 1846 Congress lowered tariffs on goods from other countries. Tariffs are taxes paid on imported goods. Northerners were angry. This would cause people to buy goods from other countries. They would not buy as many goods made in the North. Southerners were happy. They could continue to buy goods from Great Britain cheaply. These differences caused a split between the North and South, or **sectionalism**.

Slavery in the South

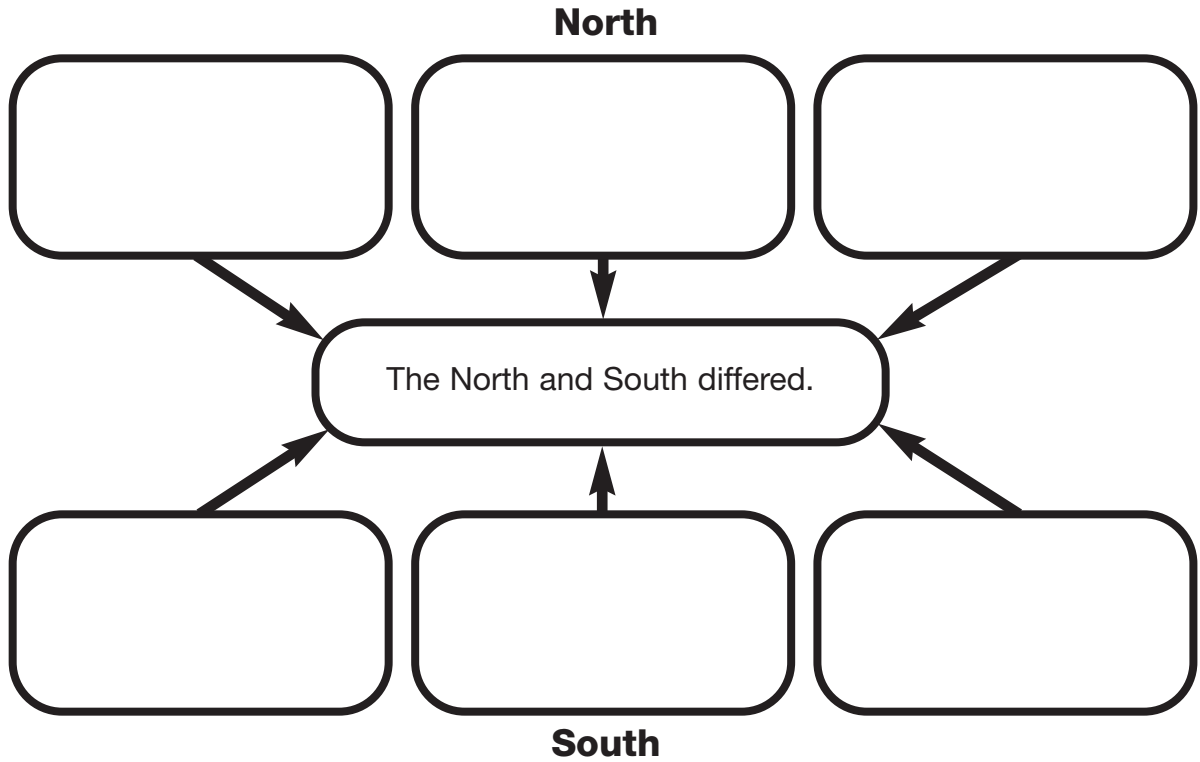
By 1850 slavery was illegal in most Northern states. But slavery was allowed in the South. Slavery was very important to the economy of the South. Cotton was a main crop in this area. Most slaves worked in the cotton fields. Slaves worked on plantations and on small farms. As the demand for cotton grew, so did the number of slaves in the South. In 1860 there were almost four million enslaved African Americans in the United States. The number of free African Americans was much lower. Most free African Americans lived in the North. They did not have the same rights as whites.

Different Views on Slavery

Many people were against slavery. They felt that one person should not be allowed to own another. Slave owners in the South felt differently. They argued that factory workers in the North were treated worse than slaves were.

Lesson 1: Review

1.  **Main Idea and Details** Complete the graphic organizer to show details supporting the main idea.



2. **Critical Thinking: Compare and Contrast** Identify the two main differences between how Northerners and Southerners lived.

3. Describe how tariffs affected relations between North and South.

4. In 1860, were more African Americans enslaved or free?

5. Describe the main argument of people opposed to slavery.
