**Causes of the Civil War**

1. **Andrew Jackson**
   1. Spoils system- rotation in office; you take the old officials out, replace them with new people (friends)
   2. Tariff of Abominations- tax on imports; hurt the economy of the south (threatened to secede)
   3. Cherokee Nation v. Georgia- the state of Georgia forced the Native Americans out of their state; Trail of Tears
   4. Bank War- he refused to reissue the contract to establish a national bank
2. **Reformers**
   1. People who want to improve upon a problem in society
      1. Horace Mann- education (schools)
      2. Dorothea Dix- prisons/mental institutions
      3. Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Lucretia Mott- women’s suffrage (the right to vote)
         1. Seneca Falls Convention (Seneca Falls, NY)
            1. Declaration of Sentiments
            2. Women’s rights movement works alongside with the abolition (end slavery) movement
      4. William Lloyd Garrison (*The Liberator*); Sojourner Truth; Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman (underground railroad)- abolitionists (get rid of slavery)
3. **Manifest Destiny**
   1. Moving from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean
      1. Louisiana Purchase (Thomas Jefferson)
         1. Lewis & Clark (Sacajawea) explored the area
      2. Mexican-American War
         1. Americans settled in Texas (owned by Mexico).
         2. The Americans were denied their rights by the Mexican government. Thus, the Texans declared their independence from Mexico.
         3. Leads to a war…. “Remember the Alamo”
         4. US gets Texas from Mexico (annexed it)
      3. California Gold Rush
         1. 1849—boom towns
      4. Oregon Trails- Missouri to Pacific Ocean
         1. Hunting beaver in the Northwest part of the United States near Canada
      5. Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo
         1. Acquired the rest of Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico for the US
      6. Gadsden Purchase
         1. Created the border between the US and Mexico
4. **Causes of the Civil War**
   1. Missouri Compromise
      1. How to handle slavery in the west
         1. Missouri would be a slave state
         2. Maine was entered as a free state to keep the balance
         3. Land north of 36˚30’ – no slaves
         4. Land south of 36˚30’—slavery allowed
   2. Compromise of 1850
      1. California a free state
      2. Fugitive Slave Act- it was against the law to assist a runaway slave (fugitive)
         1. Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad
   3. Kansas-Nebraska Act
      1. Popular Sovereignty- allow the people to vote on slavery
         1. Bleeding Kansas
            1. John Brown and others kill pro-slavery people in Kansas
   4. Dred Scott Case
      1. Slaves are property and have no rights
      2. Missouri Comprise was unconstitutional because it violated popular sovereignty
      3. Strengthens the abolitions movement.
   5. Raid of Harpers Ferry
      1. John Brown attacks a military base in the South
      2. Captured and killed for his actions
      3. South viewed Brown as a terrorist/ North viewed him as a martyr
   6. Election of 1860
      1. Lincoln wins the election
      2. His main job as president was to preserve the Union
5. **Sectionalism**
   1. Dividing the nation into geographic regions (North, South, West)
      1. North
         1. Industrialized
         2. Immigrant population
         3. No slaves
         4. Railroads
         5. *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*
            1. Written by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Book banned in the South because it explained the horrors of slavery

* + 1. South
       1. Farming/agrarian (plantations)
       2. Slave population
       3. States’ rights being violated
       4. *Cannibal’s All!*
          1. Written by George Fitzhugh

Criticizes the way the north treats their factory workers

1. **Civil War**
   1. South secedes from the Union after the election of Lincoln
   2. Create the Confederate States of America
      1. Jefferson Davis as their president