CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR WEBQUEST WORKSHEET

You will be able to answer some of the questions below based on the work you have already done this week. Read the questions and in cases where you don’t know the answer, go to the website provided to find the correct answer. Write the answer in the blank provided.

1. Define the following terms:
   - Underlying cause-
   - Immediate cause-

   [http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/underlying%20cause](http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/underlying%20cause)

1. Why was slavery used in the United States?

   [http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/civil-war-overview/slavery.html](http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/civil-war-overview/slavery.html)

3. What was a Cotton Gin and what effect did it have on slavery in the South?


4. As our nation expanded during the 1800s the issue of expanding or limiting slavery in the United States was a key issue. Explain how each of the Compromises listed dealt with the issue of slavery.

   o Missouri Compromise 1820-
   o Compromise of 1850-
   o The Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854-

5. What effect did the Dred Scott Supreme Court case have on Dred Scott’s freedom and on the Missouri Compromise?

http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/E/dred_scott/scott03.htm

6. What is an Abolitionist?

http://history1800s.about.com/od/1800sglossary/g/abolitdef.htm

7. Who was William Lloyd Garrison and what was his newspaper about?


8. What was the purpose of the Underground Railroad?


9. What contribution did Harriet Tubman make to the Abolitionist movement and how much would be paid for her capture?

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p1535.html

10. What was the new political party that was formed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 17, 1856 and what political goals were stated in their platform?

http://www.ushistory.org/gop/origins.htm

11. After the Civil War, some claimed that the immediate cause was the publication of a book.

What was the name of the book and how could it be a cause of a war?

Who wrote the book?

http://www.harrietbeecherstowecenter.org/utc/impact.shtml
12. Who was John Brown and what did he do on October 16th 1859?

What happened to John Brown?

https://www.civilwar.org/learn/biographies/john-brown

13. Presidential elections can have a great effect on our nation.

What party and person won the election of 1860?-

What was the South’s response to the election?-

http://www.ushistory.org/us/32d.asp

14. What was the immediate cause of the Civil War?

https://www.civilwar.org/learn/civil-war/battles/fort-sumter

15. Define the following terms:

. Political-
. Economic-
. Social-

http://dictionary.reverso.net/english-cobuild/
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