

CAUSES OF THE CIVIL WAR

About the Causes of the Civil War

In the 1800's, America was expanding and gaining new territories. The issue of slavery was everywhere, and there was much conflict over whether or not the new territories should be slave states or not. The **Kansas-Nebraska Act** allowed new territories to decide for themselves whether they would allow slavery, and in turn caused the citizens of the northern states to become very upset. This Act escalated the conflict around slavery in the U.S.

The **Abolitionist Movement** also played a role in the start of the Civil War. The opposition to slavery was growing stronger in the northern states. The South, however, was determined to keep slavery. This led to the Civil War.



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Slavery regarding the intention of the Constitution and where powers to govern lay were also a reason for the struggle between the North and South. The **Industrial Revolution** also led to different attitudes in the northern states, and economic growth only increased in some areas the tension.



After **Lincoln** became President, the southern states started to **secede** from the Union. This was the beginning of the more formal fight between the North and the South.



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