Mr. Ciambarella US History 10/23/2018

Note: Everything in today's handout/lecture is in our new textbook *America: A Narrative History* Chapter 14: The Gathering Storm and also in last year's textbook *The Americans* Chapter 10

**Causes of the 1861 USA Civil War**

1. AP/Essay Question: What causes the 1861 USA Civil War? How structure your answer?
2. Review: Effects of US-Mexican War & 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo?
3. Look at Map of USA in 1850- page 610
4. **Short-Term Cause #1: "The Compromise of 1850"**
5. California & New Mexico want to quickly and immediately become states.
6. Why?
7. President Taylor decides on "popular sovereignty". What is that?
8. What do people of CA and NM vote? Why?
9. Why does this make The South & Southern Senators so angry?
10. What is "The Fire-Eaters Convention"?
11. So, US Congress & President Millard Fillmore need a COMPROMISE!
    1. Small-Group Activity- your group needs to come up with a compromise that will keep both sides happy and prevent the Southern states from seceding (leaving) the Union of the USA in 1850.

-At present, there are exactly 15 free states & 15 slave states because Congress has agreed to re-think CA and NM

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| **What the North wants…** | **What the South wants…** |
| 1)Admit CA, NM, and Utah as free states | 1)Admit CA, NM, and Utah as slave states |
| 2)Reduce the size & thus # of House reps. of slave-state Texas | 2)Don't mess with Texas! |
| 3)End the slave auction in the capitol of Washington, DC | 3)Keep the slave auction alive in our nation's capitol |
| 4)Never allow a Fugitive Slave Law | 4) Pass a National Fugitive Slave Law |

-Your group's task is to write a compromise that will prevent Civil War!

-Write your compromise ideas and final plan here:

1. The actual COMPROMISE of 1850
2. What did each side get?
3. Why did each side agree to this & WHY WILL THIS BE A SHORT-TERM CAUSE of THE CIVIL WAR? (page 610 summary)
4. **Short-Term Cause #2: The Fugitive Slave Act**
5. What exactly does this Act allow to happen?
6. Page 611 Pictures & Quotes?
7. Why does this help cause the Civil War?
8. **Short-Term Cause #3: The Rise of the Abolitionist Movement**
9. What is the Underground Railroad?
10. Harriet Tubman Powerpoint
11. Who is Harriet Beecher Stowe & what does she do in 1852? (Page 613 picture)
12. Why does this all help cause the Civil War?
13. **Short-Term Cause #4: The 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act**
14. Look at the Map on Page 617
15. How does Congress decide to handle Kansas and Nebraska becoming free or slave states?
16. Why does each side agree to this & why does this have the potential for a NIGHTMARE?
17. What kind of people will be willing to leave everything & move to the middle of nowhere for a cause?
18. This leads to "Bleeding Kansas"
19. Why does all this help cause the Civil War?

**HOMEWORK DUE NEXT CLASS for 20 POINTS (due 10/29 for A-Day & 10/30 for B-Day)**

By yourself (you CANNOT copy from anyone else or you get a '0') you need to type out a key-word outline for a possible Unit 3 Test Essay Question: "What were the causes of the USA 1861 Civil War?"

So you just need to type an outline. You do not need to write full sentences if you do not want to. I think an A+ outline will be at least 1 page long, but probably 1-2 pages long.

We have already started ½ of your outline today with this handout. So you can begin with this information on this handout. But you should type your own version of the information in your own outline for homework. You can also read our textbook pages 599-619 to get more details on today's handout if you want.

Now for homework you need to finish reading pages 619-635 to finish the second ½ of your outline. As you read these pages you should add more causes of the civil war to your outline. In particular, focus on these 3 additional important causes of the Civil War:

1) 1857 Dred Scott Decision

2) 1859 John Brown's Raid

3) 1860 Presidential Election