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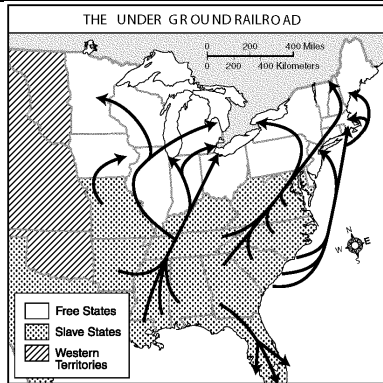
Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler 1837-1845

U.S. History Grades Seven and Eight

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Statements to Learn



1. The dotted area on the map shows slave states.
2. On the Underground Railroad, routes that started on the coast and continued on the ocean carried the least risk.
3. If you believe in free will, you believe that people can make their lives and society better.
4. During the 1800s, the belief that people could improve themselves and society led to a wave of reform movements.
5. Most Americans believed that the United States should extend to the Pacific Ocean because they believed it was their right to possess this land.
6. The idea of Manifest Destiny caused the following:
Annexation of Oregon

CBM Vocabulary

Abolition
Manifest destiny
Predestination
Temperance
Underground railroad

Westward movement
Mexican-American war

7. American settlers in Texas came into conflict with Mexico in the 1830s because Mexico feared losing Texas to the United States.

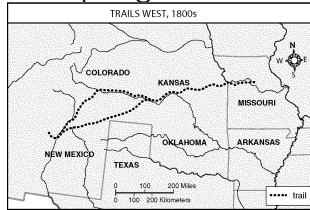
8. The significance of the siege at the Alamo was that it was the site where Texan soldiers were overrun by Mexican troops, inspiring many Americans to volunteer for the Texan army.

“Let Southern oppressors tremble— . . .let all the enemies of the persecuted blacks tremble. . . On this subject, I do not wish to think, or to speak, or write, with moderation. No! No! Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm. . . but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present.”

9. Garrison, Douglas, and other Abolitionists believed slavery dehumanized African Americans.

10. Some northern workers were against abolition because they feared freed slaves would take their jobs.

11. Texas was admitted to the Union when Congress passes a joint resolution accepting an annexation treaty.



12. The reasons people took the Oregon trail were:
To win converts to Christianity
To find farmland
To take part in the fur trade