

The Missouri Compromise

Circle the word that completes the sentences most accurately. Refer to the background information and map on page 1, if needed.

1. In 1819, the 22 states in the United States were equally divided on the issue of slavery. The eleven states in the **North**/South permitted slavery. The remaining eleven states in the North/**South** did not permit slavery.
2. Each state has two representatives in the U.S. Senate/**Supreme Court**. When the slaveholding territory of **Maine**/Missouri applied for statehood, it threatened the balance of power because there would be two more votes supporting slavery. That would increase the power of the **North**/South.
3. If Missouri became a state, the **free states**/slave states would outnumber the free states/**slave states**.
4. In 1820/**1821**, the representatives of Maine, previously part of **Missouri**/Massachusetts, asked to become a state.
5. The Missouri Compromise drew a boundary that **permitted**/prohibited slavery north of the 36 degrees 30' north latitude. This boundary determined where slavery/**farming** would be permitted in unsettled territories.
6. The 1820 law was considered a compromise because each region got something it wanted. The North was allowed to admit Maine/**Missouri** as a free state. The South was allowed to admit **Maine**/Missouri as a slave state. Also, both regions agreed to future rules/**not have rules** for western territories applying for statehood.
7. If the provision outlawing slavery north of the 36 degrees 30' north demarcation line had been in effect prior to 1820, Missouri would have been a free state/**slave state**.
8. The Missouri Compromise outlawed slavery north of the 36 degrees 30' north **longitude**/latitude line in an attempt to settle the issue of whether slavery would be legal in federal territories that asked to become states. These guidelines held until the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act repealed the Missouri Compromise by allowing settlers in those territories to determine for themselves whether slavery would be permitted. So, the Missouri Compromise lasted for over 30 years/**40 years**.