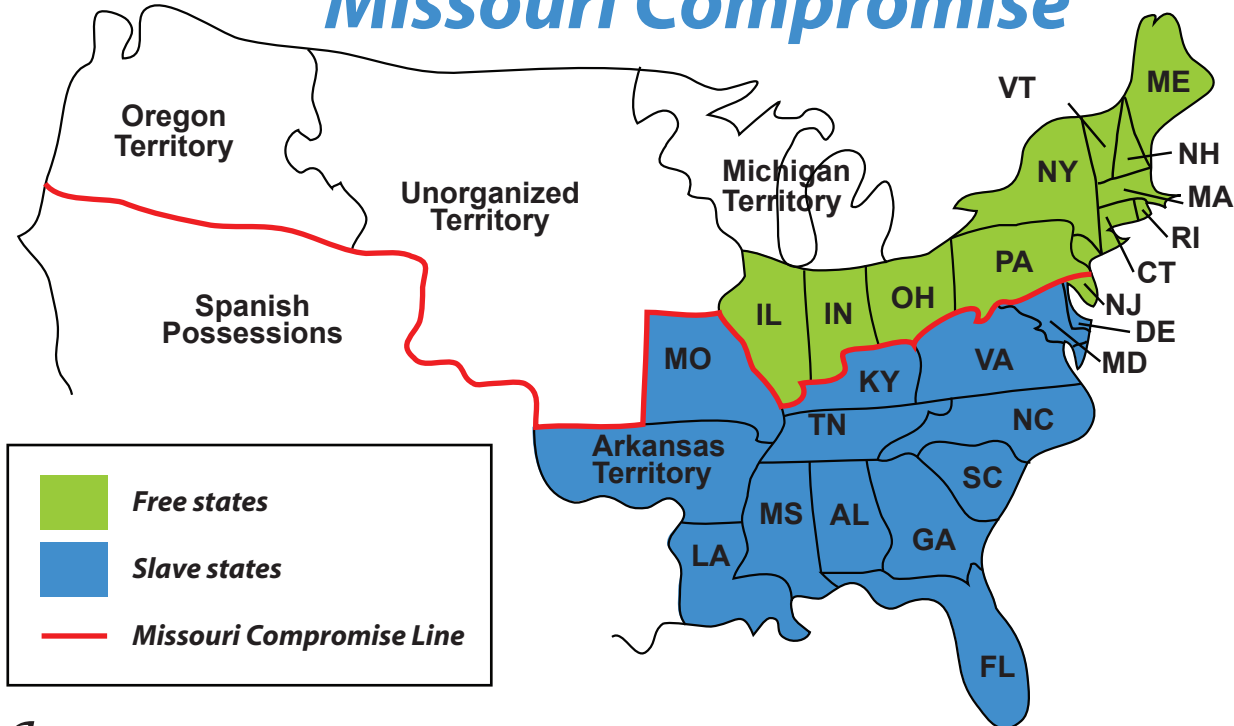


The Missouri Compromise



In 1820, Missouri wanted to join the union as a slave state. This would cause slave states to outnumber free states, which could create an imbalance of power in Congress.

They came up with *The Missouri Compromise*: Missouri would be allowed to join as a slave state, Maine joined as a free state, and nothing above the Arkansas Territory could join the union as a slave state.

Above is a map of the free states and slave states in the U.S. in 1820. Examine it and answer the questions below.

1. How does it look different from the map you see today?

2. How many states and territories allowed slavery in 1820?

3. How many did not?

4. Is Indiana a free state or a slave state?

5. Based on the paragraph, would a state in the Oregon Territory be allowed to join as a slave state?
