

Graphic Organizer

Countdown to War

Guiding Question

- What were the underlying causes of the Civil War?

Objective

- ☐ I can analyze major events leading up to the Civil War and determine whether each event was an attempt at compromise, an escalation of tensions, or a breaking point.

Directions: Use the Interactive Timelines to complete the organizer. For each event, fill in the name, date, summary, key people, categorize it, and explain why.

Event Name and Date	Summary of the Event	Key People Involved	Attempt at Compromise, Escalation of Tensions, or Breaking Point? Why? (Student Explanation)
<i>Missouri Compromise (1820)</i>	<i>An agreement that allowed Missouri to enter the Union as a slave state and Maine as a free state, keeping the balance. It also established the 36°30' line, banning slavery north of this latitude</i>	<i>Henry Clay, James Monroe</i>	<i>Attempt at Compromise The Missouri Compromise was an effort to maintain the balance of power between slave and free states, temporarily easing tensions. However, it also foreshadowed future conflict.</i>

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