

 **Interactive Reading Notepad****Sectional Divisions and Civil War 7-1** Slavery Divides the Nation

Key Terms

Wilmot Proviso
Free-Soil Party
popular sovereignty
secede
Compromise of 1850
Fugitive Slave Act
personal liberty laws
Underground Railroad
Harriet Tubman
Harriet Beecher Stowe

Academic Vocabulary

burgeoning: growing or developing quickly
component: piece or element
crucial: extremely important, central
influx: the entrance or arrival of a large number of people or things
intervene: to get involved in a situation

Different Perspectives on the Issue of Slavery: Text

1. **Summarize** Explain the views of abolitionists and how they were different from those of other northerners prior to the Civil War.

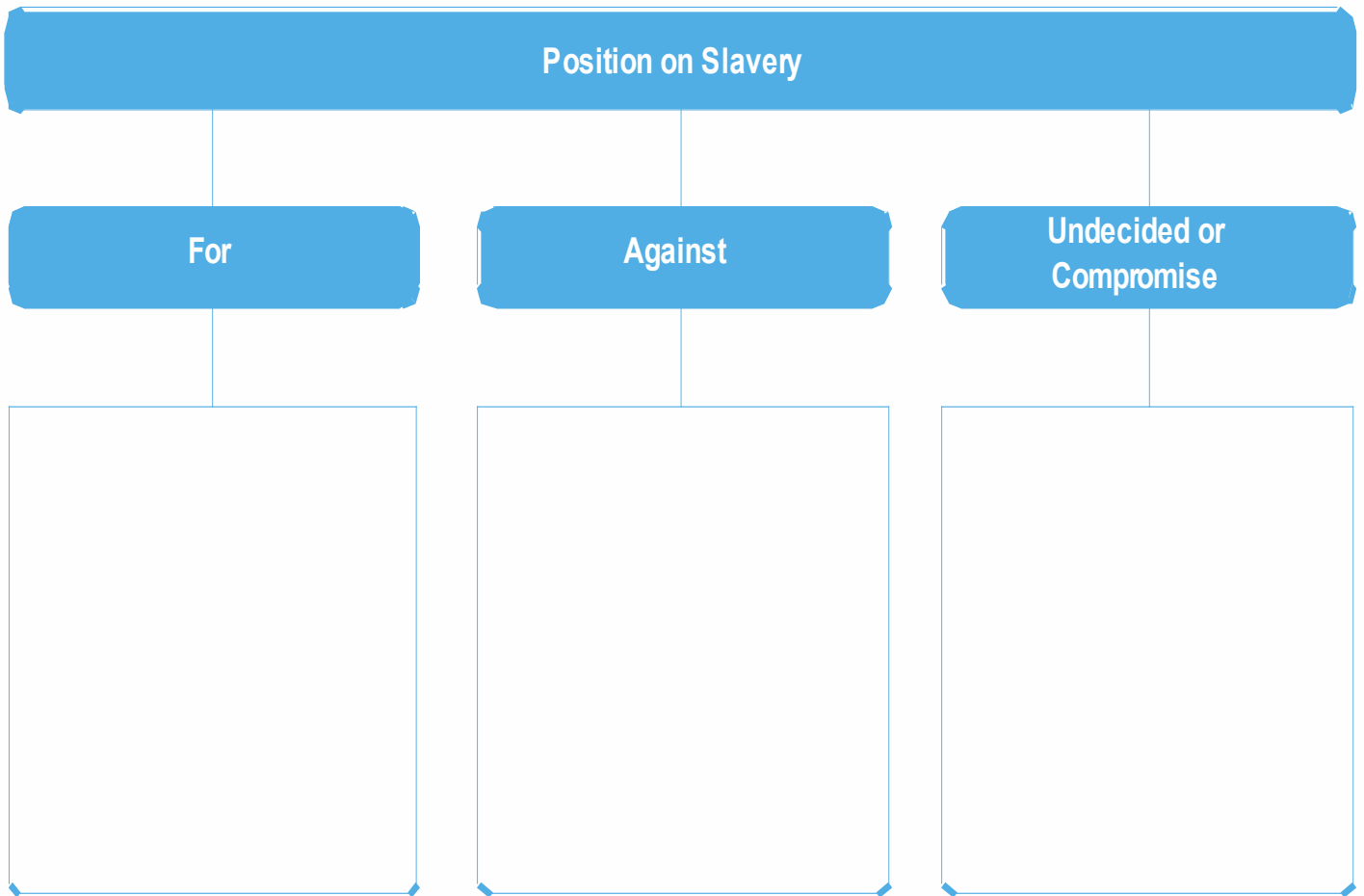
2. **Identify Cause and Effect** Why did some northern businessmen support slavery?

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3. Categorize Organize people, ideas, and groups by their position on slavery. Continue to add to this graphic organizer as you read the other texts in this lesson.



Slavery's Effect on the 1848 Election: Text

- 4. Vocabulary: Determine Meaning** Explain what *popular sovereignty* is and why it was appealing to both the Democrats and the Whigs in the Election of 1848.

- 5. Draw Conclusions** Why was the presence of the Free-Soil Party important during the Election of 1848?

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The Compromise of 1850 Averts a Crisis: Text

7. **Categorize** What aspects of the Compromise of 1850 were meant to appease the North? What parts were meant to appease the South? Use the graphic organizer below to categorize information.

8. **Cite Evidence** How were debates and legislation in Congress prior to the Civil War similar to what happens today? How were they different? Draw a connection and cite evidence of your connection.

Northern Resistance to Slavery Increases: Text

9. **Compare and Contrast** What effect did Congress expect the Fugitive Slave Act to have? What effect did it *actually* have?

10. **Draw Conclusions** Consider *Uncle Tom's Cabin* or *Blake*. How did this literary work affect or inspire different people?