



## It's All Wrong!

Below is paragraph that is supposed to describe the causes of the Civil War. Unfortunately many of the facts are incorrect. There are 15 total errors. Cross out the wrong words or phrases and replace them with the correct ones.

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## Answers

In 1820, when Missouri was admitted to the Union as a slave state, the balance in Congress was threatened. In what came to be known as the Missouri Compromise, Missouri was admitted as a slave state and Maine was admitted as a free state. While the temporary solution prevented immediate secession by the southern states, the issue of slavery still threatened to tear the Union apart. In the Compromise of 1850, California entered the Union as a free state and the territories of New Mexico and Utah were granted popular sovereignty. In addition, the Fugitive Slave Law was strengthened. Four years later, Congress approved the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which allowed Nebraska to decide for itself regarding slavery. Following the John Brown Rebellion, which did not result in a slave revolution, and the 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union, followed by ten other states including Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee (or any other southern state can go here) among others.