STUDENT VERSION

THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE - A PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

Activity Item

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- Item 1: 1820 Census Tables

Student Learning Objectives

- I will be able to use a primary source to understand a historical event.
- I will be able to read and interpret tables of data from the 1820 Census.
- I will be able to explain the relationship between the Missouri Compromise and 1820 Census data for Maine and Missouri.

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1. In February 1820, the U.S. Congress faced a difficult challenge concerning the regulation of slavery. The pro-slavery and anti-slavery factions in Congress were intensely divided on whether to admit the Missouri territory as a state that allowed slavery or as a state that forbade it. At the time, equal numbers of states (11) permitted and prohibited slavery, so many Americans feared upsetting the balance of "free states" and "slave states."

   Why was maintaining the balance between free and slave states in the Senate so important? Why did people fear either a majority of free states or a majority of slave states?

2. In March 1820, Congress reached a compromise on the issue by admitting Missouri as a slave state while also admitting Maine (which had been part of Massachusetts) as a free state. The decision also included an amendment that forbade slavery in all U.S. land north of the 36°30′ parallel — except for land in Missouri. This legislation became known as the Missouri Compromise, but it was temporary. Why didn't the Missouri Compromise last?

3. Use **Item 1: 1820 Census Tables** to answer the following questions and prompts.

   a. What information is presented in the tables? Be as specific as you can, providing examples where appropriate.

   b. The 1820 Census began approximately six months after Congress passed the Missouri Compromise. Looking at the 1820 Census data for the newly formed states of Maine and Missouri, what evidence do you see of this decision?

c. Between Maine and Missouri, which state had the greater number of "free colored persons," and does this make sense in historical context? Why or why not?

d. Look at the final column, labeled "Representative Numbers," in the Maine and Missouri "free colored persons" tables. These numbers represent the total population (both free and enslaved) in each state, adjusted according to the Three-Fifths Compromise, which was used to determine the number of delegates that state would have in the House of Representatives. In 1821, the ratio for apportionment was one representative per 40,000 people.

   Using this information and what you know about the "Jefferson method" of apportionment, estimate the number of delegates that Maine and Missouri would have in the House of Representatives in 1821. Show your work.

4. Based on your calculations from question 3d, do you think the Missouri Compromise was successful in maintaining a balance of power in Congress? (Keep in mind that both Maine and Missouri, like all other states, were also allowed two senators in the Senate and that this designation was not dependent on population.) Explain your answer.

5. How are the effects of the Missouri Compromise visible in data from the 1820 Census?

Item 1: 1820 Census Tables

Maine Free Colored Persons								
Males				Females				Representative Numbers (State Population)
Males under 14 years	Males of 14 and under 26	Males of 26 and under 45	Males of 45 and upwards	Females under 14 years	Females of 14 and under 26	Females of 26 and under 45	Females of 45 and upwards	
170	86	91	90	168	115	126	83	**298,335**

Item 1: 1820 Census Tables (Continued)

Missouri Slaves							
Males				Females			
Males under 14 years	Males of 14 and under 26	Males of 26 and under 45	Males of 45 and upwards	Females under 14 years	Females of 14 and under 26	Females of 26 and under 45	Females of 45 and upwards
2,491	1,511	852	487	2,281	1,461	855	**284**

Missouri Free Colored Persons								
Males				Females				Representative Numbers (State Population)
Males under 14 years	Males of 14 and under 26	Males of 26 and under 45	Males of 45 and upwards	Females under 14 years	Females of 14 and under 26	Females of 26 and under 45	Females of 45 and upwards	
93	40	36	17	62	39	34	26	**62,496**

Item 1: 1820 Census Tables (Continued)

Aggregate amount of each description of persons in the **United States** and their **Territories**, according to the Census taken in virtue of the act of Congress of the 14th of March, 1820, and the act of the 3d of March, 1821; compiled from returns received at the Department of State.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	FREE WHITE MALES.						FREE WHITE FEMALES.									SLAVES.											
																MALES.				FEMALES.				MALES.		
	Free white males under ten years.	Free white males of ten and under sixteen.	Free white males between sixteen and eighteen.	Free white males of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Free white males of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families.	Free white males of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.	Free white females under ten years of age.	Free white females of ten and under sixteen.	Free white females of sixteen and under twenty-six, including heads of families.	Free white females of twenty-six and under forty-five, including heads of families.	Free white females of forty-five and upwards, including heads of families.	Foreigners not naturalized.	Number of persons engaged in Agriculture.	Number of persons engaged in Commerce.	Number of persons engaged in Manufactures.	Males under fourteen years.	Males of fourteen and under twenty-six.	Males of twenty-six and under forty-five.	Males of forty-five and upwards.	Females under fourteen.	Females of fourteen and under twenty-six.	Females of twenty-six and under forty-five.	Females of forty-five and upwards.	Males under fourteen years.	Males of fourteen and under twenty-six.	Males of twenty-six and under
	to 10	to 16	16 to 18	16 to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 10	to 16	to 26	to 45	45, &c.					to 14	to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 14	to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 14	to 26	to
Maine	49,217	24,528	7,146	28,530	27,742	19,178	46,565	23,982	30,823	28,248	18,527	1,680	55,031	4,297	7,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	86	
New Hampshire	35,466	19,672	5,529	22,703	22,956	18,413	34,599	18,899	24,806	25,797	19,925	124	52,384	1,068	8,699	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	101	
Massachusetts	70,993	38,573	10,912	49,506	54,414	38,668	69,260	38,308	52,805	57,721	46,171	3,425	63,460	13,301	33,464	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,085	680	
Rhode Island	11,530	5,860	1,767	7,596	7,618	5,888	10,917	5,769	8,407	8,671	7,157	237	12,559	1,162	6,091	2	1	1	14	2	3	3	22	577	388	
Connecticut	36,848	20,682	6,284	25,831	25,632	21,814	35,289	19,833	27,205	29,069	24,978	568	50,518	3,581	17,541	-	-	13	24	-	-	13	47	1,422	947	
Vermont	35,708	19,241	5,860	24,137	22,035	16,189	35,327	18,577	24,713	23,683	15,236	935	50,951	776	8,484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152	113	
New York	222,608	104,297	29,598	132,753	138,634	81,239	216,513	101,904	132,492	129,899	72,385	15,101	247,648	9,113	60,038	1,861	1,624	932	671	1,544	1,579	1,065	812	5,197	3,011	
New Jersey	42,055	19,970	5,956	24,639	24,418	18,537	39,921	19,504	25,637	24,693	18,035	1,529	40,812	1,830	15,941	860	1,583	917	628	592	1,285	1,036	656	3,328	1,116	
Pennsylvania	175,381	77,050	25,901	102,550	97,144	64,493	166,710	78,425	101,404	94,345	59,592	10,728	140,801	7,083	60,215	1	1	18	65	3	2	36	85	5,666	3,348	
Delaware	9,071	4,448	1,719	5,516	5,607	3,263	8,657	4,311	5,573	5,537	3,299	331	13,259	533	2,821	1,244	839	337	135	979	611	253	131	2,812	1,317	
Maryland	41,511	18,952	6,261	26,404	27,916	16,960	39,454	19,578	27,293	26,347	15,807	3,776	79,135	4,771	18,640	24,736	14,846	10,718	6,073	22,740	13,403	9,362	5,520	7,829	3,593	
Virginia	103,963	45,762	13,148	58,863	57,898	38,245	98,485	45,766	62,411	55,995	35,686	2,142	276,422	4,509	32,336	96,881	52,791	45,438	23,164	92,468	51,972	40,691	21,748	8,145	3,884	
North Carolina	75,488	32,912	9,748	39,527	36,264	25,453	70,998	33,101	42,253	38,069	25,135	415	174,196	2,551	11,844	48,914	27,511	19,395	10,731	45,055	25,663	18,326	9,422	3,415	1,728	
South Carolina (except Kershaw)	41,701	17,825	5,728	23,354	21,578	13,589	38,963	18,305	23,156	20,407	12,934	1,205	161,560	2,588	6,488	50,346	31,484	30,868	14,417	48,364	33,064	29,690	13,550	1,357	719	
Georgia	35,444	14,743	4,215	19,483	17,874	10,860	33,177	14,937	18,642	15,365	9,041	453	101,185	2,139	3,557	33,204	19,541	16,249	6,922	32,141	19,879	13,631	6,089	330	195	
Alabama	17,103	6,281	1,750	9,236	9,055	4,064	15,810	6,289	7,993	6,625	2,895	162	30,642	452	1,412	9,665	6,563	4,200	1,352	9,140	6,141	3,779	1,039	118	83	
Mississippi	8,104	3,216	1,052	4,560	5,110	2,296	7,220	3,176	3,791	3,107	1,596	181	22,033	294	650	7,016	4,600	4,061	1,173	6,677	4,307	3,506	974	87	62	
Louisiana	11,817	4,710	2,105	8,747	11,236	4,822	11,062	5,484	6,708	5,695	3,102	3,145	53,941	6,251	6,041	11,675	10,876	10,520	3,495	10,763	11,672	7,753	2,305	2,248	876	
Tennessee	67,746	28,497	7,472	31,028	27,349	18,780	63,419	27,770	31,569	27,931	15,638	312	101,919	882	7,860	20,314	10,078	6,529	2,826	19,251	11,153	7,192	2,764	700	323	
Kentucky	83,050	36,004	10,283	41,328	38,178	25,136	77,641	35,120	41,905	35,483	20,799	529	132,161	1,617	11,779	31,469	17,132	10,944	4,369	29,251	17,467	11,801	4,579	583	281	
Ohio	111,683	45,858	12,607	57,008	54,432	31,626	106,036	44,106	53,337	48,797	23,689	3,495	110,991	1,459	18,956	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,057	544	
Indiana	29,629	11,454	3,270	14,428	14,072	7,066	27,684	10,707	13,635	12,069	5,074	853	61,515	429	3,229	43	37	11	7	40	21	21	10	275	146	
Illinois	10,554	4,227	1,513	6,224	5,735	2,641	9,558	4,018	4,842	4,166	1,803	598	12,395	233	1,007	170	179	153	66	139	128	71	31	86	71	
Missouri	10,577	4,256	1,301	6,537	6,622	2,909	9,766	3,978	5,076	4,265	1,902	497	14,247	495	1,952	2,491	1,511	852	487	2,281	1,461	855	284	93	40	
Territory of Michigan	1,220	539	152	1,334	1,661	609	1,130	525	692	595	266	656	1,468	392	196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	32	
Territory of Arkansas	2,420	985	329	1,427	1,453	686	2,142	900	1,179	934	426	34	3,613	79	179	323	276	143	78	293	268	157	79	18	13	
District of Columbia	3,276	1,540	550	2,171	2,893	1,291	3,319	1,640	2,318	2,615	1,351	564	853	512	2,184	1,245	775	671	316	1,311	990	696	373	736	338	
Grand Total,	1,344,263	612,102	180,036	755,520	765,546	494,735	1,279,622	604,912	780,865	736,068	462,449	53,633	2,065,499	72,397	349,247	342,460	202,248	162,950	77,013	323,014	201,509	151,922	70,320	47,640	24,035	

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	45, &c.					to 14	to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 14	to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 14	to 26	to 45	45, &c.	to 14	to 26	to 45	45, &c.			
Maine	18,527	1,680	55,031	4,297	7,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	86	91	90	168	115	126	83	66	298,335	298,335
New Hampshire	19,925	124	52,384	1,068	8,699	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97	101	85	89	109	99	106	100	139	244,161	244,161
Massachusetts	16,171	3,425	63,460	13,301	33,464	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,085	680	896	647	969	778	904	781	128	523,287	523,287
Rhode Island	7,157	237	12,559	1,162	6,091	2	1	1	14	2	3	3	22	577	388	343	279	550	523	465	429	44	83,059	83,038
Connecticut	24,978	568	50,518	3,581	17,541	-	-	13	24	-	-	13	47	1,422	947	865	629	1,421	961	950	675	100	275,248	275,208
Vermont	14,236	935	50,951	776	8,484	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152	113	93	80	170	125	97	73	15	235,764	235,764
New York	72,585	15,101	247,648	9,113	60,038	1,861	1,624	932	671	1,544	1,579	1,065	812	5,197	3,011	3,347	1,903	5,342	4,195	4,126	2,158	701	1,372,812	1,368,775
New Jersey	18,035	1,529	40,812	1,830	15,941	860	1,583	917	628	592	1,285	1,036	656	3,328	1,116	1,090	882	3,093	1,198	987	766	149	277,575	274,551
Pennsylvania	89,592	10,728	140,801	7,083	60,215	1	1	18	65	3	2	36	85	5,666	3,348	3,830	1,900	5,465	4,063	4,073	1,797	1,951	1,049,398	1,049,313
Delaware	3,299	331	13,259	533	2,821	1,244	839	337	135	979	611	253	131	2,812	1,317	1,207	1,143	2,742	1,379	1,307	1,051	-	72,749	70,943
Maryland	13,807	3,776	79,135	4,771	18,640	24,736	14,846	10,718	6,073	22,740	13,403	9,362	5,520	7,829	3,593	3,756	3,568	7,857	4,461	4,752	3,914	-	407,350	364,389
Virginia	35,686	2,142	276,422	4,509	32,336	96,881	52,791	45,438	23,164	92,468	51,972	40,691	21,748	8,145	3,884	3,135	2,685	7,640	4,545	3,772	3,383	250	1,065,366	895,303
North Carolina	35,135	415	174,196	2,551	11,844	48,914	27,511	19,395	10,731	45,055	25,663	18,326	9,422	3,415	1,728	1,109	1,143	3,129	1,737	1,345	1,006	-	638,829	556,821
South Carolina (except Kershaw)	12,934	1,205	161,560	2,588	6,488	50,346	31,484	30,868	14,417	48,364	33,064	29,690	13,550	1,357	719	639	534	1,194	820	783	663	-	490,309	389,594
Georgia	9,041	453	101,185	2,139	3,557	33,204	19,541	16,249	6,922	32,141	19,879	13,651	6,089	330	195	180	146	349	209	195	159	4	340,989	281,126
Alabama	2,895	162	30,642	452	1,412	9,665	6,563	4,200	1,352	9,140	6,141	3,779	1,039	118	83	68	49	91	69	58	35	-	127,901	110,339
Mississippi	1,596	181	22,033	294	650	7,016	4,600	4,061	1,173	6,677	4,807	3,506	974	87	62	52	38	84	52	44	39	-	75,448	62,320
Louisiana	3,102	3,145	53,941	6,251	6,041	11,675	10,876	10,520	3,495	10,763	11,672	7,753	2,305	2,248	876	915	470	2,209	1,557	1,377	824	484	153,407	125,779
Tennessee	15,638	312	101,919	882	7,860	20,314	10,078	6,529	2,826	19,251	11,153	7,192	2,764	700	323	240	238	532	297	224	173	52	422,813	390,769
Kentucky	30,799	529	132,161	1,617	11,779	31,469	17,132	10,944	4,369	29,231	17,467	11,801	4,379	585	281	284	343	488	254	244	280	182	564,317	513,623
Ohio	23,689	3,495	110,991	1,459	18,936	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,057	544	558	315	994	549	466	260	139	581,434	581,434
Indiana	5,074	833	61,515	429	3,229	43	37	11	7	40	21	21	10	275	146	141	92	251	137	120	68	-	147,178	147,102
Illinois	1,803	598	12,395	233	1,007	170	179	133	66	139	128	71	31	86	71	55	25	104	50	44	22	49	55,211	54,843
Missouri	1,902	497	14,247	495	1,952	2,491	1,511	852	487	2,281	1,461	855	284	93	40	36	17	62	39	34	26	29	66,586	62,496
Territory of Michigan	266	656	1,468	392	196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	32	27	11	20	20	16	13	131	8,896	
Territory of Arkansas	426	34	3,513	79	179	323	276	143	78	293	268	157	79	18	13	11	2	8	3	1	3	18	14,273	
District of Columbia	1,351	564	853	512	2,184	1,245	775	671	516	1,311	990	696	373	756	338	349	288	828	549	548	392	-	33,039	
Grand Total,	512,449	53,635	2,065,499	72,397	349,247	342,460	202,248	162,950	77,013	323,014	201,509	151,922	70,320	47,640	24,035	23,442	17,586	45,869	28,784	27,169	18,873	4,631	9,625,734	

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