Basic US History

Unit 5 – The Civil War

Video: Slavery and the Making of America: Seeds of Destruction

1. Who wrote the first slave narrative (published works written by African Americans who had escaped lives of bondage) written by a woman in America?

2. What was it about Dr. Norcom that made Harriet fear him?

3. Why did Harriet have hope that she might receive help from Samuel Tredwell Sawyer, the thirty-year-old lawyer from one of North Carolina's most important families who took interest in her well-being?

4. What biblical messages particularly appealed to slaves?

5. What event occurred on August 22, 1831, and what effects did it have on slavery?

6. What was the main reason that Harriet decides to run away?

7. How did the Louisiana Purchase contribute to an increase in slaves in the US?

8. What did Congress abolish in 1808?

9. How important was cotton to the economy of the South and the nation as a whole?

10. Who was Solomon Northup? What happened to him?

11. How did the North also profit from cotton?

12. Where did Harriet Jacobs hide? How long was she there? Why did she leave?