



In 1820, Missouri wanted to join the union as a slave state. This would cause slave states to outnumber free states, which could create an imbalance of power in Congress.

They came up with *The Missouri Compromise*: Missouri would be allowed to join as a slave state, Maine joined as a free state, and nothing above the Arkansas Territory could join the union as a slave state.

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**Above is a map of the free states and slave states in the U.S. in 1820. Examine it and answer the questions below.**

1. How does it look different from the map you see today?

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2. How many states and territories allowed slavery in 1820?

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3. How many did not?

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4. Is Indiana a free state or a slave state?

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5. Based on the paragraph, would a state in the Oregon Territory be allowed to join as a slave state?

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