

There were many differences between the Northern and Southern states that eventually resulted in the Civil War.

Differences that Divided the Nation:

| <i>SLAVERY</i> | <i>CULTURAL DIFFERENCES</i> | <i>ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES</i> | <i>CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFERENCES</i> |
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| <p>*The North believed that slavery should be abolished for moral reasons</p> <p>*The South believed that the abolition of slavery would destroy their nation's economy</p> | <p>*The North was mainly an urban society where people had jobs</p> <p>*The South was mostly an agricultural society where people lived in small villages and on farms or plantations</p> | <p>*The North was a manufacturing region and its people favored tariffs that protected factory owners and workers from foreign competition</p> <p>*The South opposed tariffs that would cause prices of manufactured goods to rise. Planters were also concerned that England might stop buying cotton from the South if tariffs were added.</p> | <p>*The North believed that the national government's power was greater than that of the states</p> <p>*The South believed that they had the power to declare any national law illegal</p> |

The South feared that the North would take control of Congress, and Southerners began to proclaim states' rights as a mean of self-protection. The North believed that the nation was a union and could not be divided. While the Civil War did not begin as a war to get rid of slavery, issues surrounding slavery deeply divided the nation.

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