

## GUIDED READING

### A Place Called Mississippi

#### Chapter 5: Antebellum Mississippi

##### Section 3 Slavery, States' Rights, and Secession

Directions: Use the information from pages 144 - 149 to complete the following.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the "\_\_\_\_\_ Belt," and \_\_\_\_\_ is called the "Buckle of the Bible Belt" because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ state in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In antebellum Mississippi, \_\_\_\_\_ were characterized by their \_\_\_\_\_ (intensity), and their acceptance of a literal translation of the scriptures.
3. Sunday after Sunday, year after year, \_\_\_\_\_ warned Mississippians that God would reward the good and punish the wicked.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ and newspapers also \_\_\_\_\_ how antebellum Mississippians looked at their world.
5. Mississippi politicians warned the people that \_\_\_\_\_ from the Union was the only way they could \_\_\_\_\_ slavery legal and maintain the southern way of life.
6. This thought pattern was clearly evident in Mississippi's prevailing attitudes on sectional issues like the tariff, slavery, \_\_\_\_\_ (the principle that the rights of the individual states should prevail over the rights of the federal government), and \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. During the secession crisis in 1861, Mississippians were \_\_\_\_\_ by their \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ leaders that they faced only one of two choices.
8. They could either \_\_\_\_\_ to the dictates of \_\_\_\_\_ abolitionists, or they could \_\_\_\_\_ from the Union and form a southern nation.
9. When Mississippi was admitted to statehood in 1817, \_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_ considered slavery an \_\_\_\_\_ system of labor that should be \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In 1818, the Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_ stated that "Slavery is condemned by reason and the laws of nature."
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the 1830s prompted significant \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
12. During the Flush Times, Mississippians began to think of slavery as an unfortunate \_\_\_\_\_ evil.
13. The most intense element in the \_\_\_\_\_ over slavery was not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the institution, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of slavery into the western territories.
14. Most \_\_\_\_\_ Mississippians believed that only by guaranteeing the right of slave owners to \_\_\_\_\_ into the western territories could they protect their \_\_\_\_\_ investment, provide for the \_\_\_\_\_ and security of their families, and \_\_\_\_\_ their way of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The American Revolution popularized the \_\_\_\_\_ of natural rights.

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16. The theory of \_\_\_\_\_ holds that all men, everywhere, are endowed by God and nature with the rights of life, liberty and property.
17. After the American Revolution, \_\_\_\_\_ states eventually \_\_\_\_\_ slavery.
18. In the agricultural \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ was maintained and ultimately became the symbol and focus of the many \_\_\_\_\_ between the northern and southern states.
19. As the nation approached the 1800 \_\_\_\_\_ election, relationships between the \_\_\_\_\_ states and the \_\_\_\_\_ states reached the breaking point, and the traditional \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ system was splintered.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ Party nominated \_\_\_\_\_ on a platform that would \_\_\_\_\_ the expansion of slavery into the western territories.
21. Although \_\_\_\_\_ received only 39.8 percent of the nation's popular vote, he won the majority of votes in the \_\_\_\_\_ college and was \_\_\_\_\_ the duly elected \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.
22. Many southerners \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ if Lincoln was elected.
23. The legislature called for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention and on January 9, 1861, Mississippi adopted an Ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of 84 to 15.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Carolina had seceded two days earlier.

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25. Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_ its secession on the theory of states' rights.

26. Southern states had claimed for years that they had \_\_\_\_\_ entered  
the \_\_\_\_\_ and they could voluntarily \_\_\_\_\_ from  
it.