

Conflict over Slavery Writing Exercises

1. Explain why large numbers of northern workers, despite many having racist inclinations, were opposed to slavery.
2. Illustrate how the Underground Railroad operated.
3. Discuss the pros and cons of the Kansas-Nebraska Act.
4. Given the laws which existed at the time, do you believe that the Dred Scott decision was fair? Do you see any logical inconsistencies in forcing a slave to remain a slave despite relocating to a free state?
5. Describe the concept of secession.