

Conflict Chain Answer Key

1. free and slave states
2. Dred Scott
3. not citizens under the law
4. public outrage
5. the Civil War

Reflection: Students should explain that the ruling deepened disagreements over slavery and increased anger, making war more likely. Responses may vary in wording.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the chain structure: each step leads clearly to the next.
- Read the word/phrase bank aloud and define key terms before starting.
- Have students say the completed chain aloud once they finish to reinforce sequencing.

Differentiation

- Support: Allow students to underline clue words in each sentence before choosing.
- Challenge: Ask students to add a sixth link that includes their own historical knowledge (e.g., *election of Lincoln*).

Engagement Ideas

- Create a large class chain on the board; students write events on cards and connect them with arrows.
- Pair-share discussions: students explain each link to a partner before writing it down.

Extensions

- Students illustrate the chain as a timeline or flowchart to show how conflict builds.
- Assign a paragraph describing how one event influenced the next in more detail.