

Freedom Fight Answer Key

1. Dred Scott, an enslaved man, was taken by his owner into free territory.
2. Dred Scott argued for his freedom because he had lived in free states and territories.
3. The case reached the Supreme Court in 1857 after years of legal battles.
4. The Court ruled that African Americans could not be considered U.S. citizens.
5. The Supreme Court declared that Congress could not ban slavery in the territories.
6. The decision increased tensions between free and slave states before the Civil War.

Teacher's Guide

- Model a shorter sequencing activity before introducing this historical one.
- Encourage rereading of clues such as time markers and case development terms.
- Allow partners or small groups to discuss order before submitting answers.
- Facilitate a brief reflection on why the case intensified national tensions.

Differentiation

- Support: Provide brief vocabulary definitions for terms like "territories," "citizenship," and "legal battles."
- Challenge: Have students write a one-paragraph historical summary explaining the significance of the ruling.

Extensions

- Assign students to research a related figure or event leading up to the Civil War.
- Students create illustrated timeline strips for display.