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## Keeping The Peace

**Directions:** Read the passage below. Then answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

In 1820, the United States was growing and adding new states. But there was a big disagreement. Some states allowed slavery, while others did not. When Missouri wanted to join the country as a slave state, leaders worried this would give slave states more power in Congress.

Henry Clay helped create a plan called the Missouri Compromise. The compromise allowed Missouri to join as a slave state and Maine to join as a free state. It also created a line across the country at 36°30'. Slavery would be allowed south of the line, but not allowed north of it.

The Missouri Compromise helped keep peace between the North and South for a while, but it did not solve the problem of slavery. The disagreement continued to grow, leading to more conflict in the future.

1. Why did adding Missouri as a slave state worry leaders in Congress?

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2. Who helped create the Missouri Compromise?

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3. What other state joined the Union as a free state?

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4. What did the 36°30' line decide?

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5. Did the Missouri Compromise completely solve the problem of slavery? Explain.

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