

## Lesson From 1820 Answer Key

A strong response should include:

- The Missouri Compromise was meant to keep the Union together and balance free and slave states.
- Compromise can reduce conflict, but it may not fully solve the problem.
- The issue of slavery continued, showing that some disagreements require stronger solutions.
- Leaders must work together, even when they disagree, to protect the nation's future.

(Teacher should check for historical accuracy and the student's ability to explain a general lesson about compromise.)

### Teacher's Guide

- Before students write, ask them to verbally share one lesson they think the United States learned from 1820.
- Anchor chart ideas: "What is compromise?" "What did 1820 teach us?"

### Differentiation

- Offer extended writing lines or typing option for students who write slowly.
- Challenge advanced learners to include the long-term effects leading toward the Civil War.

### Engagement Ideas

- Quick partner-share before writing-students explain their reflection to a classmate first.
- Allow students to decorate the border with symbols representing unity and division.

### Extension Activities

- Students write an alternative solution they would have proposed in 1820 and defend it with reasoning.
- Connect to current events: When do leaders today need to compromise?