

Vocabulary Chapter 15: Rising Waters

1. abscond
2. alias
3. allude
4. animosity
5. epitaph
6. eulogy
7. excoriated
8. fealty
9. inebriation
10. innocuous
11. moot
12. profligate
13. remains (noun)
14. ward (person)

Questions Chapter 15

Rising Waters

1. What issue troubled the U.S. Senate in 1849?
2. Why was nullification a repudiation of the Constitution?
3. When was secession first proposed and by whom?
4. What was Houston's response to Calhoun's "Southern Address"?
5. Why did many southern Senators desire to increase the number of states where slavery was legal?
6. Why was Robert Neighbors fired from his post as Indian agent?
7. Who engineered the compromise bill of 1850?
8. Name a northern Senator who paid a political price for voting for the compromise bill.
9. Who wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin? Why did she write it?
10. Why were the Caddoes and other peaceful Indians persecuted?
11. How did Neighbors help the Indians after he lost his job as Indian agent?

Discussion/Essay Questions

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1. Did Senator Calhoun have any valid arguments in his “Southern Address” or in his desire for secession? If so, what were they?
2. When Calhoun insisted that he did not desire to extend slavery, but that slaveholders should not be prevented from migrating with their property into new territories, why was he contradicting himself?
2. Why was Houston considered a traitor to the South? Was he?
4. The U.S. Army was now in charge of defending Texas settlers, and Indian agents were in charge of attending to the needs of the Indians. What happened as a result?
5. Explain Sam Houston’s spiritual condition during this time.

Matching

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| _____1. moot | A. loyalty |
| _____2. animosity | B. meaningless |
| _____3. inebriation | C. speech in praise of a dead person |
| _____4. ward | D. strong dislike or hatred |
| _____5. eulogy | E. person under the care of a guardian |
| | F. state of drunkenness |

Multiple Choice

- _____1. What issue troubled the U.S. Senate in 1849?
- A. Indians
 - B. Slavery
 - C. The California Gold Rush
 - D. The annexation of Texas
- _____2. The compromise bill of 1850 was engineered by
- A. Henry Clay
 - B. Sam Houston
 - C. John C. Calhoun
 - D. Daniel Webster
- _____3. Why did many southern Senators desire to increase the number of states where slavery was legal?
- A. they owned slaves and wanted to be able to sell slaves everywhere and make money
 - B. they thought slavery was great and should be spread everywhere
 - C. they thought that the Constitution guaranteed slavery in the whole U.S., not just the south
 - D. they were afraid that if new territories became “free” states, then the balance of power would change and slavery would be eliminated in the south

