AH1H: The Coming of the Civil War – Virtual Historical Markers

*From April 1861 through April 1865 the United States was a country torn apart at the seams. Brother fought against brother; father fought against son; and President Abraham Lincoln desperately tried to preserve the Union however he could. The tenuous bonds that had held the country together had weakened over the course of the 19th century, as various events grated at the tense relationship between the North and South. What events were responsible for ultimately tearing the nation apart? How did they lead to this Civil War?*

Your project requires you and a partner to create a virtual "historical marker" recognizing one of the following causes of the Civil War:

* Compromise of 1850 (including all parts of the Compromise plus the Fugitive Slave Act)
* Uncle Tom’s Cabin
* Kansas-Nebraska Act (including details & significance of “Bleeding Kansas”, Pottawatomie Massacre & Lecompton Constitution)
* Dred Scot v. Sanford
* Sumner-Brooks Affair
* Lincoln-Douglas Debates (including what election the debates were part of, arguments for each side & explanation/importance of Freeport Doctrine for both Lincoln & Douglas)
* John Brown’s Attack on Harper’s Ferry
* Election of 1860
* The Establishment of the Confederate States of America (including role of Jefferson Davis & some details of way the CSA gov’t was organized compared to the gov’t of the USA)
* Attack on Fort Sumter

**Make sure you follow the format below:**

* Create a Google Slides presentation and share it with me
* **1st slide:** Name and date of event at top of slide with a collage of images beneath
* **2nd slide**: Type an intro about the event - "At/On this spot on (date and place where event may have taken place) …happened. If it didn’t happen on one specific date, you may list an estimated date/date range.
  + Add bullet for where in the U.S. a historical marker would be placed and WHY it should be placed there
* **3rd slide**: Explanation of the event **in your own words including:**
* Key details of the event
* what caused the event to take place in **the short-term (immediate cause)**
* what caused the event to take place in **the long-term (events over previous 20+ years that led to this)**
* **4th slide**: Who were the key individuals involved (including who they were and how they were involved)
* **5th slide**: What was the reaction of people in both the North & South?
* …do not overgeneralize reaction…specify which people’s reaction you are talking about (just saying “The NORTH reacted ….or the South reacted….is not enough; for example: ‘abolitionists were happy because….or Planters in the South were furious because…); this is not something you will just guess…you need to do research and find evidence of the reactions people had
* **6th slide**: how did the event lead to the Civil War, and to what extent was the event a key cause of the Civil War (make a statement about the importance of this event as a cause of war)
* **7th & 8th slides**: 2 quotations from 2 different historical figures referencing the event (either directly or indirectly) **with source cited immediately after the quote**. (who is being quoted and when did they say it?)
* Beneath each quote, include an explanation of the quote in your own words (i.e. how does the quote relate to the event?)
* Images to illustrate the event (a minimum of three images with source cited below the pictures) with caption to explain the images should be included spread throughout the slideshow
* Font size should be no smaller than 20pt and either Calibri or Times New Roman; if you need extra space, add slides

**Turn to other side for info on sources and citations---------------------------------------------🡪**

**SOURCES:**

* Last slide should include your list of sources (**no WikiPedia, textbooks, or on-line encyclopedias for anything other than general information**) with description of what you pulled from each source
* Minimum of four sources including 1 book (non-encyclopedia and non-textbook); you are REQUIRED to use the links I provided on the Useful Research Links for Causes of the Civil War Historical Markers document
* Proper **in-text parenthetical citations** within the virtual historical marker **are required** (**DO NOT PLAGIARIZE!**)
* **failure to include in-text citations will result in a 50% penalty on the project grade IN ADDITION TO loss of point on each slide**
* You have had chances to fix this in the past, but you will not get a second chance or reminders from me for this assignment or any others moving forward.

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**\_\_/9 7th, 8th, 9th slides**: 3 quotations from 3 different historical figures referencing the event (either directly or indirectly) **with source cited immediately after the quote**. (who is being quoted and when did they say it?)

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**\_\_/10 Works cited slide with minimum 4 sources including 1 book**

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Penalties:

\_\_-10 Font size smaller than 20pt and/or is not Calibri or Times New Roman

\_\_-50% Failed to include in-text citations

**\_\_/80 TOTAL PROJECT SCORE**