LESSON MAKER PRO

Abolition in Motion

Trace actions, arguments, and reactions across a divided nation

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SS24.US1.10 "Trace the evolution and expansion of abolitionism, examining the contributions of key abolitionist figures and analyzing the reactions of both southern and northern communities to this campaign..."

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

OUR GROUND RULES Read together first

1. Use historical examples, not guesses, to support your claims.
2. Let each speaker finish before you respond.
3. You may agree fully, disagree, or leave a question unresolved.
4. Keep an evidence-supported position if the discussion does not change your mind.

HOW TO PLAY Teams of 3 or 4

1. Form a group of three or four and choose one TOPIC card.
2. Each player takes one ROLE card. With three players, everyone shares the fourth role, Impact Mapper.
3. Give each player four MOVE cards. Agree to an eight-minute round and set a timer.
4. Discuss the topic. When you genuinely use a card's sentence starter, place that card in the middle. You may leave cards unused.
5. Stop when the timer rings. Check the reflection statements that match what you did.

AFTER THE ROUND Check what you did

- [ ] I identified an action taken against slavery and explained its effect.
- [ ] I used an accurate example of Black resistance or religious opposition.
- [ ] I examined an abolitionist argument or a northern or southern response.
- [ ] I stated what my group agreed on or left unresolved without inventing a difference.

Cut along the dashed lines

TOPIC CARDS · pick one per round

TOPIC

Resistance and Rules

How did enslaved and free Black Americans resist slavery, and how did southern slave codes respond?

TOPIC

Faith and Division

Quakers opposed slavery before the Second Great Awakening. How did their objections and later religious reform help expand abolitionism and divide churches?

TOPIC

A National Debate

How did Douglass, Garrison, the Underground Railroad, the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, and Uncle Tom's Cabin shape the national debate over slavery?

ROLE CARDS · one per player

ROLE

Action Tracker

Watch for who acted against slavery and what each person or group did.

ROLE

Argument Tester

Check that claims about slavery and replies to those claims match historical evidence.

ROLE

Reaction Spotter

Watch for differences in how northern and southern communities responded.

ROLE

Impact Mapper

Trace how an action, argument, law, or book changed what happened next.

MOVE CARDS · deal 4 to each player

MOVE CARD

NAME AN ACTOR

"A person or group involved was ____."

MOVE CARD

GIVE EVIDENCE

"A historical example that fits this topic is ____."

MOVE CARD

TRACE IMPACT

"One effect of that action or argument was ____."

MOVE CARD

SPOT RESPONSE

"A northern or southern response was ____."

MOVE CARD

NAME A CLAIM

"A proslavery claim abolitionists challenged was ____."

MOVE CARD

ANSWER A CLAIM

"A historically supported reply to that proslavery claim is ____."

MOVE CARD

GIVE EVIDENCE

"Another example that supports this point is ____."

MOVE CARD

TRACE IMPACT

"That response changed the abolitionist campaign by ____."

Cards last longer on thick paper.

ANSWER KEY

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RUNNING THE ROUNDS

Prepare enough copies of the MOVE cards to deal four to every player, and let groups choose a new topic for another eight-minute round. Invite quieter players to use a starter, but do not require every card to be played or every player to change a position.

WHAT A STRONG ROUND SOUNDS LIKE

Maya	A person or group involved was William Lloyd Garrison, who called for immediate emancipation in The Liberator.
Noah	A historical example that fits this topic is the Underground Railroad, a network that helped enslaved people escape.
Leah	One effect of that action or argument was greater national conflict over escapes from slavery.
Maya	A northern or southern response was resistance in some northern communities to the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, under which federal marshals arrested alleged escapees and federal commissioners could order their return.
Noah	Another example that supports this point is Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin, which brought arguments about slavery to many readers.

LISTEN FOR

- Specific forms of resistance by enslaved and free Black Americans linked to tighter southern slave codes.
- Quaker objections distinguished from Second Great Awakening reform, with church schisms explained.
- Douglass's and Garrison's arguments used to answer actual proslavery claims.
- Underground Railroad activity, federal enforcement of the Fugitive Slave Act, and Uncle Tom's Cabin connected to national debate.

There are no right answers to the topic cards. Score the moves students make, not their opinions.