Causes and Effects of the Civil War

Standards:

1) Students will be able to identify and analyze the main causes of the Civil War.
2) Students will be able to evaluate primary and non-fiction sources.
3) Students will be able to offer productive ideas and suggestions to the group they work with.

Task:

As we have noticed throughout our study of American history this year, rarely does one cause lead to only one effect. In fact, we have seen that many different models for cause and effect can be used to show our country’s history, such as:

- One cause=one effect
- One cause=many effects
- Many causes=one effect
- Cycle of cause and effect
- Chain reaction cause and effect

Your task today is within your group to map out the cause and effect structure of the Civil War. Based on the reading that we have done, along with what you know about cause and effect, pick the model you think would work best. Then identify the ideas that led to the Civil War.

Keep in mind that for this activity, we are looking at the big picture of the Civil War. Therefore, our ideas need to reflect that big picture. Don’t get bogged down in the smaller details, but stay focused on the overall reasons for this war.

Then to complete this activity, I want you to complete this cause and effect statement. You can once again select the model that you think will need to be there to complete your prediction. **This will be a prediction, but it should be based on what you know about American history.** The cause-effect relationship to consider is:

**Cause:** The Civil War ends. **Effect:** ???

Really take some time to consider what it is that you believe will happen next. When your two cause and effect charts are completed by your group, you may turn them in. Best of luck!
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