

Comparing North and South Accounts

Civil War Recipes

20 minutes

OBJECTIVE

Compare two short accounts on the same topic using shared categories rather than unrelated details.

STUDENT PRODUCT

A comparison chart with two shared categories and a concluding contrast sentence.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What becomes clearer when the two accounts are read side by side?

TEXT FOCUS

Two paragraphs describing food conditions in the North and South.

LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Set shared categories | 3 min Choose two categories both paragraphs address, such as supply and substitution.
2. Collect details | 5 min Record one detail from each paragraph under each category.
3. Compare | 4 min Write same/different statements for both categories.
4. Conclude | 6 min Explain the most important contrast the paired accounts reveal.
5. Check | 2 min Make sure every comparison uses information from both texts.

TEACHER KEY / EXPECTED THINKING

Using the same categories reveals not just different foods but different supply conditions and pressures shaping what people could obtain or substitute.

LOOK FOR

- Uses shared comparison categories.
- Includes evidence from both accounts.
- States a meaningful similarity or difference.

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