**Missouri History-John Brown**

**Multiple Choice**

*Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

\_\_\_\_ 1. John Brown was led to become a diehard abolitionist when he saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| a. | the failure of the Nat Turner slave revolt. |
| b. | Abraham Lincoln speak for the first time. |
| c. | a slave owner beat a young slave. |
| d. | the murder of Elijah P. Lovejoy. |

\_\_\_\_ 2. John Brown led a group of men to viciously murder a group of pro-slavery settlers to death in Kansas. This happened in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kansas.

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| a. | Palmyra | b. | Lawrence | c. | Pottawatomie | d. | Black Jack |

\_\_\_\_ 3. A group of U.S. marines were sent to Harpers Ferry to stop John Brown. They were led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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| a. | Jeb Stuart | c. | Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson |
| b. | Jefferson Davis | d. | Robert E. Lee |

\_\_\_\_ 4. At the time that John Brown seized the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, it was part of this state.

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| a. | West Virginia | b. | Ohio | c. | Virginia | d. | Maryland |

\_\_\_\_ 5. Missourians who went into Kansas to keep anti-slavery settlers out of the territory.

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| a. | Jayhawkers | b. | Abolitionists | c. | Border Ruffians | d. | Carpetbaggers |

\_\_\_\_ 6. In December 1858, John Brown and a group of his followers successfully removed nearly a dozen slaves from this Missouri location.

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| a. | Jackson County | c. | Boone County |
| b. | Vernon County | d. | Knox County |

**Short Answer**

7.

*“I believe to have interfered as I have done...in behalf of His despised poor, was not wrong, but right. Now, if it be deemed necessary that I should forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood further with the blood of my children, and with the blood of millions in this slave country whose rights are disregarded by wicked, cruel, and unjust enactments, I submit: so let it be done.”*

John Brown-Address to court before sentencing for Harpers Ferry raid 1859

How does Brown portray the causes for his actions that led to his execution?

8. Who is John Brown referring to when he says “His despised poor?”

9. Why did the number of slaves successfully delivered to Canada from Missouri by John Brown change from the initial number taken?

10.

Startling Intelligence

Again we are called upon to chronicle the fact of another invasion of our State by Kansas robbers and assassins. On last Monday night a band of thieves and assassins from the Territory, entered the sovereign State of Missouri, and killed one of our citizens, Mr. David Cruse, of Vernon county, a most worthy gentleman, and stole a lot of cattle, some twenty horses and eleven negroes five of which are the property of Isaac B. LaRue, our informant, who is now in town. Two parties entered Vernon on the Little Osage river about the same time, under the lead of Brown and Montgomery, the latter being the murdering party, and stole one negro woman from Cruse, who lived on the south side of the river; the former did their thieving on the north side of the river. Mr. LaRue says Brown’s party just number sixteen men, and that he was taken prisoner by them and carried, in company with his negroes, into the Territory, but was set at liberty next morning. We have not the space to say more at present, as we stop the press to make this announcement, but we hope the Governor will do something to protect our people. An express has already been sent to the capital, with these facts properly authenticated, to acquaint the Governor and the General Assembly of these outrages. (Harrisonville Democrat)

*From the Randolph Citizen, Huntsville, MO, January 14, 1859*

The newspaper article above discusses the December 20, 1858 event in Missouri involving John Brown. How does the author describe Brown and his associates?

11. What is the primary problem with Brown and his associates, as expressed by this author?

12.

News From the Border, $18,000 Worth of Property Destroyed!!

Outrages on the Border-Montgomery and his band at their work of Murder and Stealing-Eleven Slaves Kidnapped-Two wagons, 11 head of Horses, two yoke of Cattle, Bedding and Wearing Apparel Stolen-One Man Killed, two taken Prisoners-and the whole Slave-holding Community threatened.

We learn from a gentleman direct from Vernon county...that Montgomery and his band of marauders and thieves have renewed their depredations upon the citizens living on the Little Osage river. Montgomery...entered the neighborhood, on Monday last, the 20th, after midnight, and commenced their depredations by murdering a man by the name of David Crews and kidnapping a negro woman belonging to him, taking his wagon, harness, horses and robbing his house of every thing.

The next family who fell a victim to this band of desperadoes, was that of a Mr. Martin, who was robbed of a fine mule. From the estate of Jas. Lawrence, in the possession of his son-in-law, Henry Hicklin, they kidnapped five negroes, stole two horses, one yoke of cattle, and a large ox wagon.

From Isaac B. LaRue they kidnapped five negroes, stole six horses, one yoke of cattle, and stripped his beds of all the valuable bed clothing, and the family of their wearing apparel. they also took his son John, and an old man...prisoners, and after taking them into the Territory...released them.

The most sickening accounts are given of the suffering of our good citizens of Vernon county, who have been for several years at the mercy of a band of reckless and desperate men. Something must be done...We advise moderation and firmness, and no stopping until these men are brought before the bar of public justice and dealt with as the law directs.

The neighborhood attacked this time, is one that has never taken sides with either party in any of the difficulties which has taken place on the border.

*From the Weekly California News, California, MO, January 1859*

Although this is the same event as presented in the earlier newspaper article, this one provides much more intricate detail. How does this article place more intense emphasis on the loss of slaves to the Vernon County residents?

13. The *Weekly California News* uses the word “slaves” where the *Randolph Citizen* only describes these individuals as “negroes.” How does this change your view of the event? Do you think this represents a different opinion toward the slaves by the authors of the stories?

14. What is the author’s attitude toward John Brown and his associates? What words are used to support this attitude?

15. In studying both news articles, what would you think is the opinion of slavery for the authors? How are the slaves viewed? The abolitionists?