

- Issues Dividing A Nation | SOL USI. 9a



Issues that divided the nation:

Slavery:

- While there were several differences between the North and the South, the issues related to slavery increasingly **divided** the nation and led to the **Civil War**.

Cultural:

- The North was mainly an **urban** society in which people held **jobs**.
- The South was primarily an **agricultural** society in which people lived in small **villages** and on farms and **plantations**.
- Because of their cultural differences, people in the North and South found it difficult to agree on **social** and **political** issues.

Economic:

- The North was a **manufacturing** region, and its people **avored** tariffs that protected factory owners and workers from **foreign** competition.
- The South was largely agricultural, Southerners **opposed** tariffs that would cause prices of **manufactured** goods to increase. Planters were also concerned that **England** might stop buying **cotton** from the South if tariffs were added.

Constitutional:

- A major conflict was **states'** rights versus strong central government.

Essential Understanding: Cultural, economic, and constitutional differences between the North and the South eventually resulted in the Civil War