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**Causes of the Civil War**

In your group study the primary source provided. Answer the questions and provide important information.

TEXT

What is visible or readable by looking at or reading the source? What does the source say on the surface? Summarize.

CONTEXT

What was going on during the time period of the source? What is the date when the source was created? What background information do you have that helps explain the information found in the source?

SUBTEXT

Now read between the lines.

Who is the author of the source? What do you know about the author? (Bias, Immediacy, Reliability)

For whom was this source created? Who is the intended audience? (Motive)

Why was this source created in this time period? What is the purpose? (Motive)

Now use the chart below to name the type of source and record important information about each source. Finally, decide whether the source supports the claim “The Civil War was fought over slavery” or if the source challenges that claim and supports a different cause of the Civil War.

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| Source | Type of Source, purpose | Information summary | Support/Challenge |
| Webster-Hayne Debate |  |  |  |
| “Bleeding Kansas” |  |  |  |
| South Carolina Secession |  |  |  |
| Slavery, Secession, and Election of 1860 Maps |  |  |  |
| Jefferson Davis Inaugural Address |  |  |  |
| Abraham Lincoln Inaugural Address |  |  |  |
| Civil War Era Posters |  |  |  |
| Emancipation Proclamation |  |  |  |
| Northern Views |  |  |  |
| Southern Views |  |  |  |