



## Dred Scott Quiz

### Part II (cont.)

8. Dred Scott and his wife, Harriet, based their claim to freedom on Missouri's doctrine of "Once free, always free." There had been several successful suits for freedom in St. Louis, and at first it appeared that the Scotts would also gain their freedom. The ruling was appealed, and Scott lost.

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 banned slavery north and west of the Ohio River. The Missouri Compromise of 1820 required that for each slave state that joined the Union, a free state would also join and set the southern boundary of Missouri as the northern boundary for slavery.

Using the 1820 U.S. map as reference (provided on the previous page), determine why was it important during the antebellum era that there be an equal number of free and slave states? What impact, if any, did the Supreme Court's decision in the Dred Scott case have on the balance of free and slave states?

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