Vocabulary Preview

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squatter
A squatter is a person who settles on land without any right to do so.
Land speculator
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- A land speculator is a person who tried to buy the best land cheaply. They would sell the same land at a high price.
legislature
A legislature is the group of people who make the laws.
constitution
• A constitution is a plan of government.
slavery
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- Slavery is the practice of owning people and forcing them to work.
Black Belt
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• The Black Belt was the area of Alabama where crops grew better than any other area.
Trail of Tears
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• The Trail of Tears is the forced westward journey of Native Americans in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Many people died of hunger, disease, and exhaustion.
staple
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• A staple is a food product that is used and needed all the time.
Cash crop
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• A cash crop is a crop that is sold rather than used by the people who grew it.
plantations
Plantations

• A plantation is a large farm on which a single crop is grown.