8th Grade Social Studies Pre/Post Assessment

Question/Prompt:

**What united and/or divided the United States from its early beginnings to Civil War Reconstruction?**

Expression Choices: Essay, Infographic, Concept Map, Learning Progression, Cartoon

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| Topics that addresses the prompt | Multiple topics are clear and directly relate to the main question | Multiple topics relate to the main question  | Few topics relate to the main question and/or may be unclear | Topics do not relate to the main question |
| Supporting Evidence / Examples | Each topic has multiple examples of supporting evidence | Each topic is supported with evidence / examples | Some evidence is lacking or is incomplete or opinion based | Claims not backed by evidence / examples |
| Connections | Complex connections are made between topics, people and events in different eras. | Topics between people and events are linked together with single connections.  | Topics are poorly or vaguely linked.  | Did not attempt to link topics |
| Accuracy | Evidence is accurate. Facts are recognized from different perspectives. | Evidence is mostly accurate. | Multiple significant errors | Inaccurate throughout  |