

## **Missouri Compromise Rap Battle Lyrics**

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### **Tallmadge, Northerner**

Yo yo yo the year is one eight two oooo  
and I don't think we should be havin' slavery anymo'

The South is turning Missouri into a slave state  
and I think that's a place we need to emancipate.

The South just don't get it, get 'em out of the Senate.  
Slavery is trying to spread to the West but don't let it.

The plantation economy just ain't working no more.  
By the way my name is Tallmadge from the state of New York.

### **Southerner**

No hold on a just a minute I don't think I concur,  
Slave plantations in this country are allowed as it were.

The southeast didn't get as many votes as the North,  
But now we have Alabama which helps us even the score.

Slaves mean more money and not a lot more  
and if you don't agree with us then there can be civil war

So go ahead Mr. Tallmadge, Come on make a decision  
but don't go messing with slaves because that's our way of living.

### **Tallmadge, Northerner**

But perhaps the Founding Fathers had a different conclusion,  
It's all black and white written in our Constitution.

It says that there is freedom here for both me and you  
For each and every man, doesn't that mean Black people too?

### **Southerner**

I'm sorry Mr. Tallmadge you just can't understand  
there must me slaves in Missouri for cultivating the land.

We need slaves to grow tobacco because that's where the cash is  
if they don't keep picking cotton then our economy crashes.

### **Tallmadge, Northerner**

The admission of Missouri would unbalance the union,  
and leave the North's opinion all alone in seclusion.

**Southerner**

No it wouldn't because the Union's also admitting Maine,  
you're just trying to intimidate us for your personal gain.

**Henry Clay**

Excuse me senators, how are you on this very fine day?

**Northern and Southern Senators**

WHO ARE YOU?

**Henry Clay**

The House Speaker and my name's Henry Clay

**Northern and Southern Senators**

What you want?

**Henry Clay**

I want to solve this and I speak for both sides.  
I got it figured out in my Missouri Compromise.

All we do is take both the bills from Missouri and Maine  
And we admit both together so the votes stay the same.

But the South has enough slaves they don't need anymore  
So don't go past that latitude 36 30 North

**Southerner**

Well I suppose all and all that is the fairest conclusion

**Tallmadge, Northerner**

I agree if the remaining states are free from intrusion

**Henry Clay**

Well okay that sums it up, I hope you had fun  
but I'll have to see you later because this rap is done.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Missouri Compromise**

1. How did Northerners feel about the issue of slavery expanding in the United States?
2. How did Southerners feel about expanding slavery?
3. Why did Southerners feel so passionately about the right to own slaves?
4. Who was James Tallmadge? Where was he from and what was his point of view?
5. Who was Henry Clay? How did he affect the Missouri Compromise?
6. Look at the Map on page 342 in your textbook. What states allowed slavery in 1820?
7. What territory was open to slavery?
8. What states were free states?

9. Define the Missouri Compromise.

10. \*\*\*\*\* Why is the Missouri Compromise important? What THEME or reoccurring issue in this part of American history does the Missouri Compromise symbolize?

11. Draw a picture that relates to the Missouri Compromise in some way and explain what your picture is showing.