

## **Alternatives to Eliminate Slavery and Avoid Civil War**

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Several plans to solve the slavery issue were suggested before 1861. Three are listed below. Consider each of these alternatives, and then answer the questions that follow.

### **Alternative 1: Emancipation of the slaves by the slave holders.**

How might this alternative affect the slave holders?

### **Alternative 2: The Federal government would compensate the slave holders by paying a designated amount to the slave holders who would free their slaves.**

How might this alternative affect the slave holders?

How might this alternative affect the taxpayers in the North? In the South?

### **Alternative 3: Go to war to maintain or to eliminate slavery.**

Did compromise on slavery seem likely?

What were the benefits of going to war? The costs?

**Explain how the North and the South measured benefits and costs as they considered the alternative of war.**