



Mock Test

AA America 1840-1895: Expansion and Consolidation

Name: _____

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Interpretation A

Alexander H. Stephens writing in 1868 on the causes of the American Civil War. Stephens was a prominent supporter of states' rights and had been made the first vice-president of the Confederacy in 1861, where he claimed the new Confederate government was based upon the 'great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man'.

The conflict, on this question of slavery, in the Federal Councils, from the beginning, was not a contest between the advocates or opponents of that peculiar institution, but a contest [...] between the supporters of a strictly Federative Government, on the one side, and a thoroughly National one, on the other.

Interpretation B

American Historian David Brion Davis writing in 1977 on the causes of the American Civil War.

Paradoxically, the South increasingly came to regard Negro slavery as the necessary base on which freedom must rest. From the North a commitment to slavery's ultimate extinction was the test of freedom. Each section detected a fatal change in the other, a betrayal of the principles and mission of the Founding Fathers. Each section feared that the other had become transformed into a despotic and conspiratorial power.

1. How does Interpretation B differ from Interpretation A about the main cause of the American Civil War?

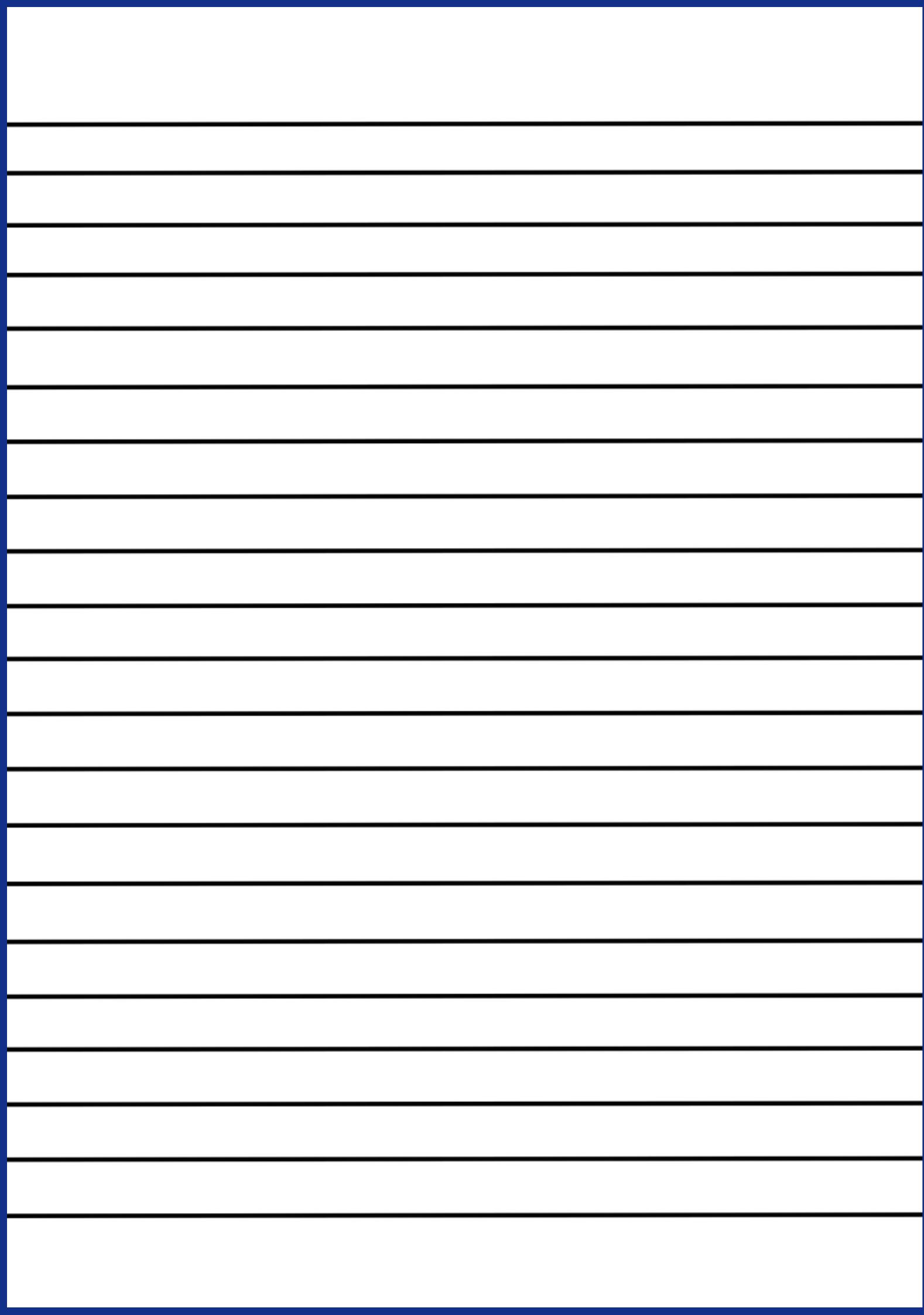
Explain your answer based on what it says in Interpretations A and B.
(4 marks)

2. Why might the authors of Interpretations A and B have a different interpretation about the main cause of the American Civil War?

Explain your answer using Interpretations A and B and your contextual knowledge.
(4 marks)

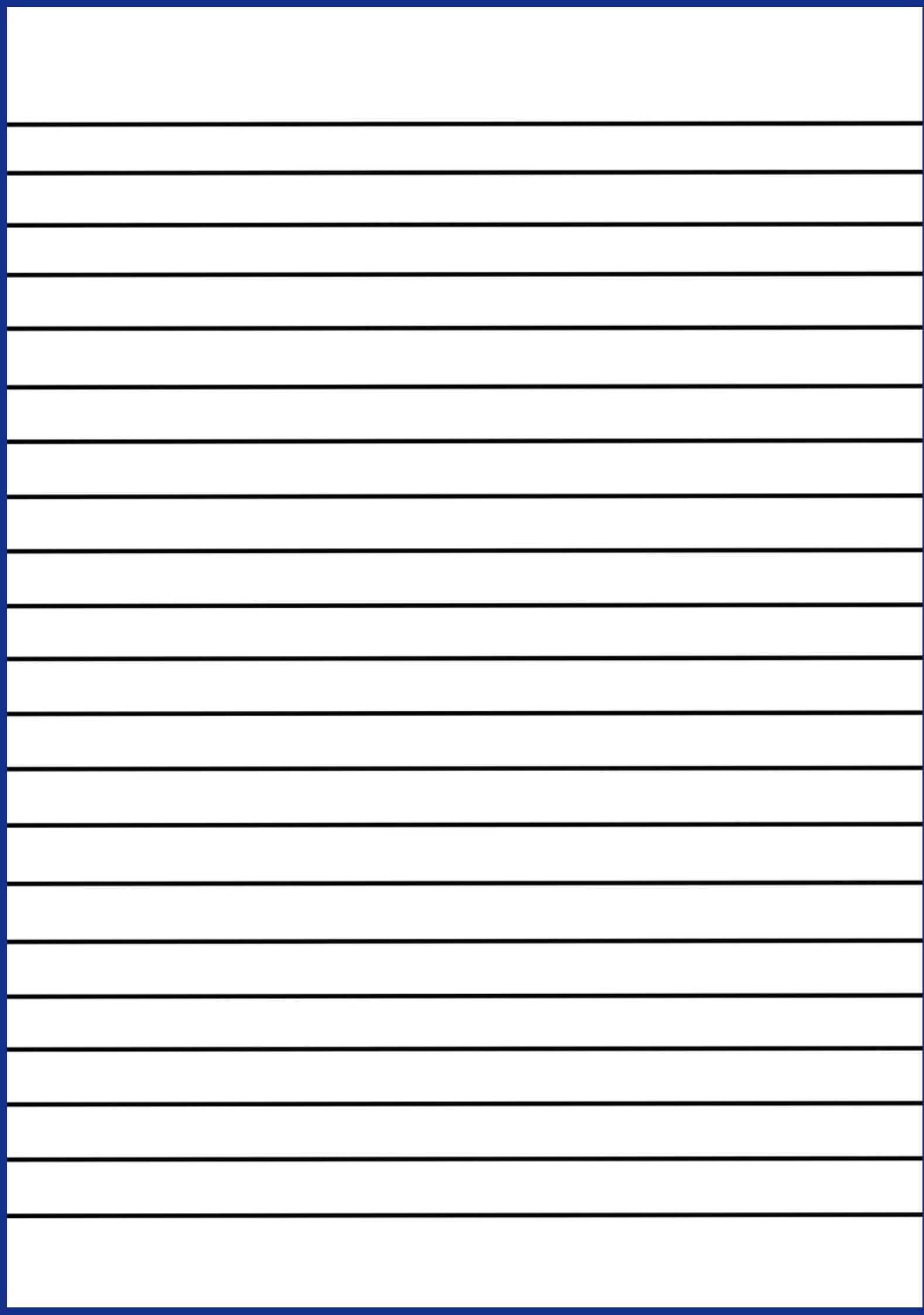
3. Which interpretation gives the more convincing opinion about the main cause of the American Civil War?

**Explain your answer based on your contextual knowledge and using what it says in Interpretations A and B.
(8 marks)**



**4. Describe two reasons why Plains Indians had a successful way of life.
(4 marks)**

**5. In what ways were the lives of Plains Indians affected by the continued settlement of the west after 1865?
(8 marks)**



6. Which of the following was the most important reason why white settlers moved west in the 1840s and 1850s?

- Manifest Destiny**
- The Gold Rush**

Explain your answer with reference to both bullet points.

(12 marks)

