Selected-Response (SR) Sample Items Grades 3-5

1. Why was it important for the United States Congress to create the Freedmen’s Bureau after the Civil War ended?

   A. The Freedmen’s Bureau was needed to protect former slaves after the end of the Civil War.

   B. The Freedmen’s Bureau was needed to protect the Exodusters under the Homestead Act.

   C. The Freedmen’s Bureau was needed to remove unfair practices, such as Jim Crow Laws, from the Confederacy.

   D. The Freedmen’s Bureau was needed to protect Southerners who lost their homes and farms after the Civil War.

2. How are Uncle Tom’s Cabin and John Brown’s raid on Harper’s Ferry related to the start of the Civil War?

   A. Both events were about slavery and states’ rights.

   B. Both events made Southerners afraid of a slave rebellion.

   C. Both events made Northerners aware of the cruelty of slavery.

   D. Both events led President Lincoln to sign the Emancipation Proclamation.