**U.S. History**

Copy the following title and prompt into your journal. Answer the prompt in three to five sentences.

**Sp42: “Slave States, Free States”**

Under the Missouri Compromise, the U.S. admitted Missouri as a slave state and Maine as a free state. This compromise maintained a balance in the Union of free and slave states. Why do you think both slave states and free states wanted an equal number of each kind of state in the Union?