

The United States in 1861

The territories of California and New Mexico were about to become states. William Ballard Preston argued that they should become states first and decide on the question of slavery in each state after they gained statehood. Label California and New Mexico.

Label each of the states which seceded from the Union. Color them gray. Label each of the states which stayed in the Union. Color them blue. Three states are considered border states--slave states who stayed in the union. Label them and color them blue and gray stripes.

Label West Virginia on your map. Which color should it be?

