AP US History

A House Dividing Blog Assignment

Directions: Answer three of the questions on the blog in complete sentences and in separate posts. Please indicate which question you’re answering by writing the number in each post (at least 200 words each). Once you’ve answered two questions, reply to the posts of at least two other classmates by agreeing or disagreeing with them and adding additional perspective. Please make sure you at least respond to questions you didn’t answer yourself. You are welcome to additionally comment on questions you did answer (at least 4 posts total).

**Be creative. You may not write what someone else has already written.**

1. Think about both slavery and the treatment of Native Americans during westward expansion. Compare the experiences of Native Americans and slaves. In a post below, protest the treatment of one or both groups. Use detailed facts to support your opinion.
2. How was a slave’s life shaped by his relationship with his owner? How did a slave’s life differ depending upon whether he lived on a plantation, in the backcountry, or in an urban area?
3. How did the status of free blacks in the South compare with that of free blacks in the North?
4. How did Southern apologists defend the institution of slavery? (use Calhoun’s “Positive Good” as a source and include it in your answer)
5. How did demographic changes affect American society and the economy from 1790 to 1860?
6. Why and how did the American identity become regionalized into Southern, Northern, and Western?