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### Cotton Gin

*Directions:* Read Lesson 20, Section 2 on pages 378-379. The invention of the cotton gin had far reaching unforeseen consequences. Choose the correct word in the Word Bank to complete each box. A word may only be used once. There are several false choices in the Word Bank.

| <b>Before</b><br>What started it?                                      | <b>Situation</b><br>What happened?                                 | <b>After</b><br>What was the impact?  |
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| <i>In 1790, cotton was not an important...</i>                         | <i>Cotton brought new wealth to the...</i>                         | <i>Slaveholders had so much invested in slave labor, they could not afford...</i> |
| <i>In 1793, Eli Whitney invented the...</i>                            | <i>The southern economy depended on the production of...</i>       | <i>If slavery came to an end, for slaveholders, it would mean...</i>              |
| <i>Over time, this new technology allowed the South to increase...</i> | <i>As cotton became more valuable, slaveholders depended on...</i> |   |

### Word Bank

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|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| indentured servants | cotton gin | slave labor    |
| North               | ships      | financial ruin |
| South               | factories  | immigration    |
| tobacco             | cash crop  | reaper         |
| emancipation        | cotton     | production     |