**Tariff Essay**

A disagreement over the tariff was one issue that divided the nation prior to the Civil War. Think about the opinions of the North and South regarding the tariff. Why did they have those opinions?

**Step One**- Imagine that you are a writer for *Harper’s Weekly*, a very popular news magazine in the 1860’s. Your newest assignment is to answer the following question. Your answer should be one paragraph in length. Be sure to write in complete sentences!

Did Northerners support or oppose the tariff? Why?

**Step Two-** Now imagine that you are a Southerner who faithfully reads *Harper’s Weekly*. You just read an article explaining the Northern viewpoint on tariffs. To be fair, you decide to write about the Southern viewpoint and plan on mailing it in to be included in the next issue.Your answer should be one paragraph in length. Be sure to write in complete sentences!

Did Southerners support or oppose the tariff? Why?

When finished, you should have written two paragraphs. The first explains the Northern opinion on the tariff issue. The second paragraph explains the Southern viewpoint on the same issue.

**Rubric- Total 10 points**

1. Correctly completes step One and Two. (2 pts.)

2. Correctly states if the North supported or opposed the tariff. (2 pts.)

3. Correctly explains why the North held those beliefs. (2 pts.)

4. Correctly states if the South supported or opposed the tariff. (2 pts.)

5. Correctly explains why the South held those beliefs. (2 pts.)