

“[There is a] real and wide difference, in political opinion, between the honorable gentleman [from South Carolina] and myself. On my part, I look upon [internal improvements] as connected with the common good.... [He believes] Ohio and Carolina are different Governments and different countries.... We [in New England] look upon the States, not as separated, but as united. We love to dwell on that Union, and on the mutual happiness which it has so much promoted, and common renown which it has so greatly contributed to acquire. In our contemplation, Carolina and Ohio are parts of the same country; States, united under the same General Government.... We do not impose geographical limits to our patriotic feeling.... I do not desire to enlarge the powers of the Government.... But when it is believed that a power does exist, then it is, in my judgment, to be exercised for the general benefit of the whole.”

Source: Daniel Webster, senator from Massachusetts, future member of the Whig Party, speech in the United States Senate, responding to Robert Y. Hayne of South Carolina, a member of the Democratic Party, 1830

2. Respond to parts A, B, and C.

- A. Briefly describe one purpose of political leaders in promoting ideas such as Webster’s.
- B. Briefly explain one development from 1820 to 1848 that contributed to the political ideas debated in the speech.
- C. Briefly explain how one political debate between 1848 and 1865 was similar to the debate in the speech.