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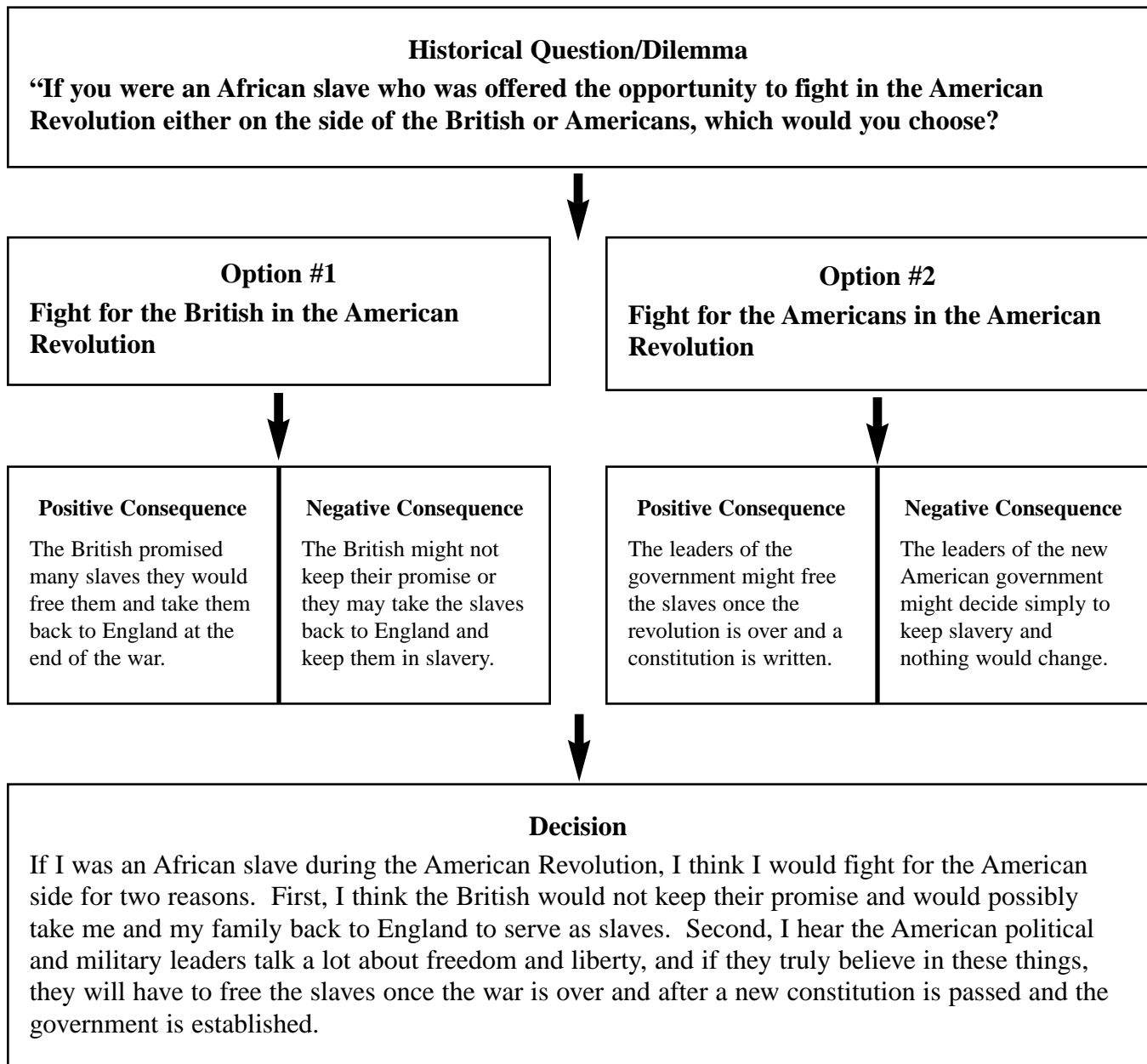
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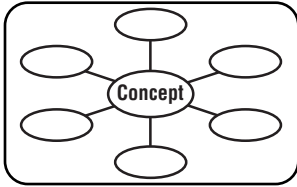
Decision-Making Scenarios *(cont.)*

Below is a sample of a full-page decision-making chart, which has been included for those teachers who desire a more structured student response to these questions.

Sample Decision-Making Scenario (Chart Format)



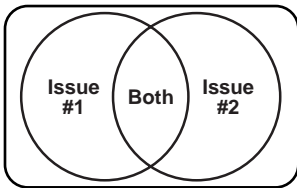
1950s Civil Rights Movement *(cont.)*



Concept Maps

Develop a concept map for each of the following:

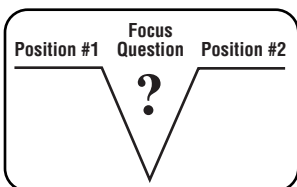
- Boycott
- Civil Rights
- Desegregation
- “Separate but Equal”



Venn Diagrams

Image of 1950s American Society vs. Reality of 1950s American Society: Compare and contrast the image of the 1950s as a period of economic prosperity, consensus, and conformity with the reality of poverty, segregation, and discrimination.

Post-Civil War Struggle for Civil Rights vs. Post-World War II Struggle for Civil Rights: Compare and contrast the struggle of African Americans for civil rights in the post-Civil War period with that of the post-World War II period.



Vee Heuristics

Brown Decision as an End vs. Brown Decision as a Beginning: How did the unanimous 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* mark the end of nearly a century-long struggle while at the same time serve to illustrate the beginning of yet another struggle?

Rosa Parks’ Contributions to the Civil Rights Movement vs. Jackie Robinson’s Contributions to the Civil Rights Movement: How did the actions and contributions of Rosa Parks and Jackie Robinson to the civil rights movement of the late 1940s and 1950s differ?