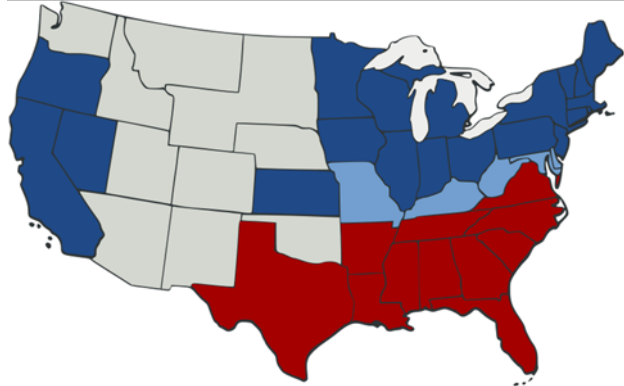
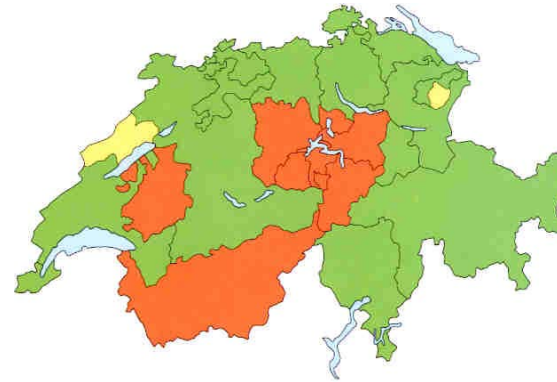


Comparing Maps: Two Civil Wars



Google Bilder Civil War Maps" [22.10.2010]



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Describe

- What exactly can you see on the maps, what parts are depicted how and what do they represent?
 - What is striking about the grouping of the different States and Cantons in the maps?
 - What do the two maps have in common?
- I see a map of the *USA* and one of *Switzerland*. In both maps groups of states or cantons respectively are shaded in the same colour. On the one hand it's the southern states and *California*, on the other hand it's the central cantons plus the *Valais* and *Fribourg*. Obviously the states and cantons of each group have the same interests, have the same characteristics, belong to the same alliance, or in the case of the *USA* are agricultural and in the case of *Switzerland* are agricultural, too, but in addition to that, *Catholic* and/or more conservative.
 - Striking is that the southern states and the central canton are both in a minority as to the rest of states and "look" somewhat under pressure from the majority as far as their geographical positions are concerned.
 - In both countries there is a group of states or cantons that do not belong to one of the two factions: are they something like neutral?

Explain

Relate the information on the maps to information you have to help explain how the situations shown on the maps came about and what the causes and effects for certain developments were.

There was a war between the North and the South in the *USA* because of slaves and so there might have been a war between the conservative and more progressive cantons in *Switzerland*. But since there were no slaves in *Switzerland*, it might have been a war because of economic reasons, slaves, however, are an economic factor, too.

Evaluate

Can you find any potential of historical change or conflict on the maps and what the outcome might be like?

In case of a conflict the southern states and the central Swiss cantons from a strategic point of view are in a weaker position due to their geographical situations. Economy-wise the two predominantly agricultural factions might lack the resources to resist the more industrialized states or cantons around them.