**Chapter 13**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**REGIONAL DIVERGENCE**

* How and why did the economies of the North and South steadily diverge over the course of the first half of the nineteenth century?
* How did the presence of large numbers of African Americans shape Southern culture?

**PLANTATION LIFE**

* How did plantation owners see the relationship between master and slave? How did slavery shape other social relationships in the pre-Civil War South?
* In what ways did slaves create communities for themselves and develop methods to resist their bondage?

**SOUTHERN SOCIETY AND POLITICS**

* How did southern yeomen see themselves and their place in southern society? How was slavery a part of that place?
* How did slavery shape Southern politics?

**LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD**

* At what point did the South become a "slave society"? What were the consequences of this development?
* Why did many white southerners come to believe that slavery had to be preserved at any cost? How might that have influenced national politics?