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Use the excerpt and your knowledge of social studies to answer the following questions.

“Provided that, as an express and fundamental condition to the acquisition of any territory from the Republic of Mexico by the United States, by virtue of any treaty which may be negotiated between them, and to the use by the Executive of the moneys herein appropriated, neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in any part of said territory, except for crime, whereof the party shall first be duly convicted.”

—Wilmot Proviso, 1846

- 1. What was the purpose of the Wilmot Proviso?**
 - A** to extend slavery into lands won from Mexico
 - B** to punish Mexico for going to war against the United States
 - C** to reverse the terms of the Gadsden Purchase
 - D** to ban slavery and other forms of servitude from lands won from Mexico
- 2. What effect did the Wilmot Proviso have on relations between the North and the South?**
 - A** It had no effect.
 - B** It helped unite factions of Congress on the single issue of slavery.
 - C** It increased tensions further between the North and the South.
 - D** It led politicians to break with typical party and sectional lines.