Calhoun Questions Kolin Krewinkel

Period ¾

1. The Federal Government has no right to extend, restrict, establish, or abolish slavery in Calhoun’s view, as it is a state’s right.
2. The Federal Government should treat the states as their own “domestic institutions,” who have the final word in their own laws and governance.
3. The Federal Government was established, in his eyes, to be the common protection and guardian of all.
4. The states and their own people are the only ones who have the right to choose whether or not slavery should be legal.
5. Calhoun justifies the expansion of slavery by stating that its continued spread is a direct result of the people’s support for it.

Douglass Questions

1. Anyone not acting to stop slavery is in support of slavery, which was a direct attack on the North.
2. Douglass structured his argument to break down the North’s cling-to arguments on not fighting against slavery. This is effective because it made it impossible for Northerners to not feel guilty over their unwillingness to fight against slavery.
3. Slavery endured as a result of American’s willingness to support any other nation’s democracy, and our own hypocrisy in maintaining our own basic rights and policy.
4. Douglass would view slavery as a self-contradictory and immoral practice, which should be abolished for the sake of the country.