Nationalism vs. Sectionalism
Nationalism

- What is Nationalism?
  - A feeling of pride, loyalty, and protectiveness toward your country
- Henry Clay was a strong nationalist
  - “Every nation should anxiously endeavor to establish its absolute independence, and consequently be able to feed and clothe and defend itself. If it rely upon a foreign supply that may be cut off...it cannot be independent.”
The American System

- Plan presented to Congress by President Madison
  - Ensured that America would be economically self-sufficient
Establish a Protective Tariff

- A tax on imported goods that protects a nation’s businesses from foreign competition
- Encourages Americans to buy American
Establish a National Bank

- Promotes a single currency
- Allows for easier trade
- Regional Banks usually had their own currency
Improve the Country’s Transportation System

- Faster trade and movement
- Help keep people connected
- Poor roads = slow and $$$
Sectionalism

- What is Sectionalism?
  - Loyalty to the interests of your own region or section of the country, rather than to the nations as a whole
- A threat to Nationalism
- Conflict of interests between North, South, and West
Activity

- Keeping the ideas of sectionalism in mind, choose one of the regions of the United States, North, South, or West, and write an argument as to why your region’s interest are more important than the others regions.