

## Before

Cotton farms were not very profitable.

There were nearly 700,000 slaves in the United States.

3,000 bales of cotton were produced each year.

Removing the seeds from cotton bolls was tedious and time consuming.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and many others believed the end of slavery was near.

## The Invention of the Cotton Gin



## After

Cotton farms were profitable.

There were nearly 1 million slaves in the United States.

100,000 bales of cotton were produced each year.

Cotton exceeded the value of all other American products combined.

Large cotton plantations were established.