How effective were <u>political compromises</u> meant to prevent a war? *A great example of a quality student response*

Political compromises were not effective to prevent a war. There were different political parties in the north the south. Political parties were not separated between the north and the south. There were democrats in the south and in the north. There were whigs in the north and the south. That is why political compromises were not effective to prevent a war. The Missouri Compromise threw off the political balance in congress and Missouri wanted to become a slave state. That would make 11 free states and 12 slave states. To keep things even, congress created a separate solution, a compromise. In exchange for Missouri's admission as a slave state, the northern territory of Maine would be admitted as a free state. This would make to power even. The second part of the compromise banned slavery in the remaining part of the Louisiana Territory. The Missouri Compromise limited the spread of slavery, it did nothing to get rid of slavery all together. All the Missouri Compromise basically did was stall off a civil war. That is how political compromises were not effective to prevent a war.

(thanks for sharing this Taylor!)