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The Senate having under consideration the bill to organize the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas—

Mr. HOUSTON said: Mr. President, this unusual night sitting is without precedent in the history of any previous Congress at this stage of the session. The extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves placed would seem to indicate a crisis in the affairs of the country of no ordinary importance; a crisis that portends either good or evil to our institutions.

Vocabulary	suggest	precedent
Draw a line between synonyms.	example	indicate
	predict	crisis
	dilemma	portend

the prominent points of opposition were such as related to the Indian tribes.

How long ago did Sam Houston give this speech?

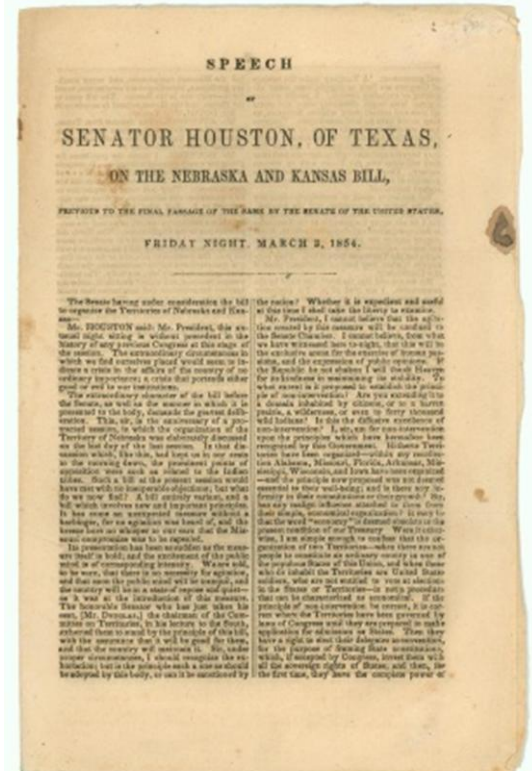
Math
Problem
Subtraction

Its presentation has been as sudden as the measure itself is bold; and the excitement of the public mind is of corresponding intensity. We are told, to be sure, that there is no necessity for agitation, and that soon the public mind will be tranquil, and the country will be in a state of repose and quiet—

According to Sam Houston, how does the country feel about the bill proposed?

What words does he use that allude to this?

FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 3, 1854.



Speech of Senator Houston, of Texas, on the Nebraska and Kansas Bill, Previous to the Final Passage of the Same by the Senate of the United States, March 3, 1854, University of North Texas Libraries The Portal to Texas History

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