You are so smart, but even smart people can be suckered by their own brains (false memories of history perhaps?).

This is meant very respectfully, but--for a person of your smartness--you did some scary things. Those scary things are preventable.

Here are the places that are warning spots of how you can get yourself suckered **so you can prevent it next time**:

1. When a teacher or a boss says be sure to check all the things he/she lists, then do each one. It told you about the Northwest ordinances and this mess with the expansion of slavery beyond the agreement followed for over 30 years.

**Prevention:** **Make yourself check off each item a prof or boss says to do.**

**Personal favor:** what could I do to make that list of tips under the question more prominent?

2. Look at that annotated pages I did for you guys. On those pages, **look at how many contradictory facts that you had to skip over** to come to your conclusions. **C**onsider this: your conclusion ignores all those sentences the author about why the Yankee anger and how widespread it grew to be.

**RULE OF LIFE: if some facts don't fit your understanding, you do NOT understand.**

**Prevention:** Never skip over. Use the labeling method with reading that I have in this link: <http://www.cjbibus.com/1301_1302_Method_to_Read_Understand_Write_Fast.htm>

Also, tactile can help at all stages with accuracy: <http://www.cjbibus.com/1301_1302_Getting_Started_FAQs_Essays_Evidence_Fact_to_Finger.htm>

3. You took a quotation that had event X as the subject of the author's sentence and used that quotation with event Y as the subject of your sentence! **People assume quotations are evidence--but they are not evidence when you misuse them.**

**Prevention:** Use quotations with fear. Triple check that the quotation is exactly accurate and exactly applicable. Tactile can help at all stages, including with quotations: <http://www.cjbibus.com/1301_1302_Getting_Started_FAQs_Essays_Evidence_Fact_to_Finger.htm>