

The Slavery Question in the West

Mexican Cession - Treaty of GH - will this land add new slave states? free states?

Wilmot Proviso proposed (no slavery in the Mexican cession) but not passed by Senate - why?

Free Soil Party 1848

New Republican Party 1854 - adopts free soil platform

Compromise of 1850

Stephen A. Douglas - Illinois
California admitted as free state - swings the Senate 16-15 in favor of free states

new Fugitive Slave Act - effects?
popular sovereignty in Utah/Nevada

Kansas

Kansas-Nebraska Act - Douglas - popular sovereignty

Free Soilers and Fire Eaters flood Kansas

Missouri border ruffians

Bleeding Kansas - John Brown

Bleeding Congress - Brooks/Sumner

Kansas - two govt's, two constitutions

Sectional Crisis 1850s

Supreme Court

Dred Scott v. Sandford 1857

Roger Taney's ruling opens possibility of slavery everywhere, makes pop sov, 36-30, and everything related to slavery's expansion unconst.

Lincoln-Douglas Senate debates 1858 - Freeport Doctrine

The South on Edge

Brooks/Sumner

Dred Scott case - significant victory for proslavery supporters
Harper's Ferry Raid - John Brown emerges again in VA

Election of 1860

Lincoln elected Nov - Repub platform - free soil not abol

South Carolina - Ordinance of Secession in Dec. - claiming states rights to justify seceding

CSA formed Jan. 1861

Civil War begins April 1865

