

Sectional Divisions and Civil War

Lesson 7.2 Violence Escalates

Define these Key Terms:

Stephen A. Douglas	Kansas-Nebraska Act	John Brown
Bleeding Kansas	nativists	Know-Nothings
Republican Party	Dred Scott	Frederick Douglass
Abraham Lincoln	Harpers Ferry	

Read pages 237 – 244 then answer the following questions.

The Kansas-Nebraska Act and “Bleeding Kansas”:

1. **Explain Arguments** Explain at least one argument in favor of the Kansas-Nebraska Act and one argument opposing this act.
2. **Analyze Interactions Among Individuals, Ideas, and Events** Describe the connections between at least three groups, individuals, or events that were significant in causing “Bleeding Kansas.”
3. **Draw Conclusions** What did the tensions between Senators Andrew Butler, Charles Sumner, and Preston Brooks show about the Congress at the time?

Regional Tension Affects National Politics:

4. **Identify Cause and Effect** Explain what events led to the downfall of the Whig Party.
5. **Draw Inferences** What sentiments fueled the nativists and the Know-Nothings in the early 1850s?
6. **Summarize** Describe the origins of the Republican Party.

Sectional Divisions Split the Country:

7. **Identify Supporting Details** What political trend became evident in the Election of 1856?
8. **Paraphrase** Explain in your own words Frederick Douglass’s reaction to the Dred Scott decision.

Lincoln and Douglas Debate Slavery:

9. **Summarize** Use a graphic organizer to show the positions of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in the Lincoln-Douglas debates. Include nicknames and quotes as well as ideas that each candidate supported.

The Raid on Harpers Ferry:

10. **Draw Conclusions** Explain the effects of John Brown’s raid on Harpers Ferry.