

Sectional Divisions and Civil War

7.1 Slavery Divides the Nation

Define these Key Terms/People:

Wilmot Proviso Free-Soil Party popular sovereignty secede
Compromise of 1850 Fugitive Slave Act personal liberty laws
Underground Railroad Harriet Tubman Harriet Beecher Stowe

Read pages 228-236 then answer these questions:

Different Perspectives on the Issue of Slavery:

1. Explain the views of abolitionists and how they were different from those of other northerners prior to the Civil War.
2. Why did some northern businessmen support slavery?

Slavery's Effect on the 1848 Election:

3. **Determine Meaning** Explain what *popular sovereignty* is and why it was appealing to both the Democrats and the Whigs in the Election of 1848.
4. Why was the presence of the Free-Soil Party important during the Election of 1848?

The Compromise of 1850 Averts a Crisis:

5. Explain how the Fugitive Slave Act was related to other issues at the time.
6. What aspects of the Compromise of 1850 were meant to satisfy the North? What parts were meant to satisfy the South?

Northern Resistance to Slavery Increases:

7. What effect did Congress expect the Fugitive Slave Act to have? What effect did it *actually* have?
8. Consider *Uncle Tom's Cabin* or *Blake*. How did this literary work affect or inspire different people?