

Building Vocabulary

Compromise of 1850	Fugitive Slave Act	popular sovereignty
Confederate States of America	Harpers Ferry	Republican Party
Crittenden Plan	Kansas-Nebraska Act	secede
<i>Dred Scott v. Sanford</i>	Abraham Lincoln	Wilmot Proviso

A. Completion Select the term or name that best completes the sentence.

Congress repeatedly faced the slavery controversy. During the debates over war with Mexico, the Senate rejected the (1) _____, which would have outlawed slavery in any territory taken from Mexico. The (2) _____ allowed California into the Union as a free state. However, to win Southern support, it included the (3) _____. This act, which required people to help recapture runaway slaves, angered Northerners. In the (4) _____, Senator Stephen A. Douglas tried to end the slavery debate by allowing people to vote on slavery in their territory. Finally, in December 1860, a senator proposed the (5) _____, which would have allowed slavery south of the line established in the Missouri Compromise. This failed, and the nation continued to break apart over slavery.

B. Matching Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. Free-Soil Party	a. said the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional
_____ 2. <i>Dred Scott v. Sanford</i>	b. the name taken by the states that seceded
_____ 3. Henry Clay	c. allowed voters to decide issues
_____ 4. popular sovereignty	d. debated Lincoln in an 1858 Senate race
_____ 5. John C. Frémont	e. a party's statement of beliefs
_____ 6. James Buchanan	f. the first Republican presidential candidate
_____ 7. platform	g. group against the expansion of slavery
_____ 8. Harpers Ferry	h. created compromises in 1820 and 1850
_____ 9. Confederate States of America	i. site of an attack on a federal arsenal
_____ 10. Stephen A. Douglas	j. won presidency in 1856

C. ESSAY DIRECTIONS: On the opposite page, write a 7-sentence essay to the following question, which must also include a bibliography: Thoroughly discuss "Bleeding Kansas," and explain why this event had such a profound effect on the path towards the Civil War.