

Civil War Causes Worksheet

1850 Fugitive Slave Act Slaves worked on the South picking cotton and tobacco. Slaves had to be returned there even if they were in the North.

1780s-1850s: Cases in 1850s: John Brown's Raid
John Brown was an abolitionist who tried to get weapons to give to slaves for an uprising against their masters. He was unsuccessful but he was considered a hero by the North.

1850 Missouri Compromise of 1850

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1780s Missouri Question for December 1820: Limited Slavery, Freeport Doctrine
Stephen Douglas supported the 1820 Freeport Doctrine. Abraham Lincoln opposed it. Douglas believed in popular sovereignty for the new territories and Lincoln was against allowing slavery to expand west. Douglas won the election.

1850 Compromise of 1850

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1850 Cases in 1850s: The Utah Slave Decision

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1850 Cases in 1850s: Dred Scott's Case, by Chief Justice Roger Taney Administration
This gave the power of slaves.

1850 Cases in 1850s: Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854) Bleeding Kansas (1854)
Kansas & Nebraska would be free states or not free state states. Stephen Douglas helped Kansas come up with the idea of allowing Kansas and Nebraska to vote on whether or not they should be slaves.
John Brown's Raid The slaves and John Brown tried to start a rebellion in the free states of the Civil War.