

## **Kansas-Nebraska Act WebQuest Worksheet**

### **Step 1: Slavery at America's Founding**

1. What were the Founding Fathers' attitudes toward slavery?
  
2. What controversies regarding slavery arose during the Constitutional Convention?
  
3. How did the Framers settle those disputes?

### **Step 2: The Missouri Compromise**

1. What made Missouri's petition for statehood in 1818 controversial? Why were Americans divided?
  
2. How was the controversy in Missouri settled? Who is credited with arranging the compromise?

### **Step 3: The Compromise of 1850**

1. The Missouri Compromise established very specific geographic boundaries for slavery to exist in the Western United States. Why could these boundaries not be applied to the situation in California?
  
2. What became the solution was used to solve the conflict? Who came up with the solution? Why is this significant?