

P  
I  
E  
R  
C  
E  
  
1853  
1857

- Election of 1852: Pierce (Dem) defeats Scott (Whig)
- 1853: Gadsden Purchase – buy land from Mexico to build RR
  - *Uncle Tom's Cabin* – Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 1854: **Kansas-Nebraska Act** = passed to create two territories for a RR to go to west – slavery in states determined by popular sovereignty – North feared the repeal of the Missouri Compromise
  - New England Emigrant Aid Society – into Kansas / Nebraska territory
  - 1854-1859 – Bleeding Kansas – Topeka & Lawrence (Free-Soilers) government vs. Lecompton (slavery) gov.
  - **Ostend Manifesto** – secret plot by Democrats to take Cuba – rejected
  - Walker expedition – Walker raises army, takes Nicaragua, Pierce recognizes new government
- 1856: Sacking of Lawrence
  - Pottawatomie Massacre: John Brown kills four pro-slavery people
  - Election of 1856: Buchanan (Dem) defeats Fremont (Rep –Free Soil) and Fillmore (Know Nothings)
- 1857: Dred Scott decision.
  - slaves are property to be taken anywhere – allows for slavery in North
  - Missouri Compromise unconstitutional
  - Lecompton Constitution rejected
  - Panic of 1857 – depression – Buchanan does nothing except lower tariff
- 1858: Midterm Election
  - Lincoln – Douglas Debates – on extension of slavery into new territories
  - Freeport Doctrine – Dred Scott decision has to be enforced – if not popular sovereignty rules
  - “A House Divided” against itself can’t stand – Lincoln’s speech
- 1859: John Brown’s Raid – Harpers Ferry to free slaves
- 1860: Crittenden Compromise – last attempt at amendment against barring slavery below 36° 30 line - fails
- 1860: Election of 1860 – Lincoln (Rep) defeats Douglas (Dem)
  - Lincoln not abolitionist

B  
U  
C  
H  
A  
N  
A  
N  
  
1857  
1861

L  
I  
N  
C  
O  
L  
N  
  
1861  
1865

- 1860-1865: The Civil War
  - 1860: South Carolina secedes.
  - Beginning of Industrial Revolution – “Gilded Age”
- 1861: The Civil War begins at Fort Sumter – South fires first shot
  - Lincoln increases army, navy, 1<sup>st</sup> income tax, green backs, no freedom of press or speech, Villandigham (Copperhead – Peace Dem) jailed
  - C.S.A. established – Jefferson Davis – President; Alexander Stephens - VP
- 1861 – Kansas admitted as a free state
  - Ex Parte Merryman – Lincoln suspends habeas corpus and passes martial law in Maryland – Taney says only Congress can suspend habeas corpus
  - Battle of 1<sup>st</sup> Bull Run – South wins – Civil War becomes long
- 1862:
  - **Pacific RR Act** = federally subsidized the northern transcontinental rr– gave federal land for RR
  - **Homestead Act** = It provided for the transfer of 160 acres (65 hectares) of unoccupied public land to each homesteader on payment of a nominal fee after five years of residence; land could also be acquired after six months of residence at \$1.25 an acre.
  - **Morrill Land Grant** = gov. land grants to states for agricultural & mechanical colleges
  - **Battle of Antietam** = Lee invades Maryland; bloodiest single day battle of war; McClellan fired
- 1863: Turning Point!!!!!!
  - **National Banking Act** = 3<sup>rd</sup> B.U.S. establishing federally chartered banks
  - **Conscription Act** (Union) → **Draft Riot in NY**
  - **Emancipation Proclamation** = sets slaves free in rebelling states
  - **Battle of Vicksburg** = Grant takes Mississippi River splitting CSA in two ☺
  - **Battle of Gettysburg** = bloodiest 3 day battle of civil war; Lee in retreat back to South
  - **Gettysburg Address** – Lincoln gives new moral purpose to the war for Union