

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-1850s: Douglas vs. Stephen A. Douglas
Stephen Douglas supported the Fugitive Slave Act. Abraham Lincoln opposed it. Douglas believed in popular sovereignty for the new territories and Lincoln was against allowing slaves to expand west. Douglas won the election.

1850 Compromise of 1850

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1850 Cases in 1850s: The Great South 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 states. Stephen Douglas helped Stephen Douglas 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 get weapons to give to slaves for an uprising against their masters. He was unsuccessful but he was considered a hero by the North.