

Chapter 14 Study Questions

1. What was the impact of the Mexican-American War on sectional tension?
2. What was the free-soil movement?
3. What were the main issues addressed by the Compromise of 1850?
4. How did the Kansas-Nebraska Act heighten sectional tensions?
5. Describe the emergence of the Republican Party. What was their political ideology? How did they alter the second party system?
6. Why was the Dred Scott decision such a shock to Northerners?
7. How did nativism influence American politics during the decades before the Civil War?