

Chapter 18 - Renewing the Sectional Struggle

Essential Question

How did expansion, deepening regional divisions, and debates over slavery lead the nation into the Civil War?

Essential Vocabulary

Popular sovereignty

Free Soil Party

Underground Railroad

Compromise of 1850

Fugitive Slave Law

Gadsen Purchase

Kansas-Nebraska Act

Questions from Reading

1. What was the appeal of the concept of popular sovereignty in determining the status of slavery?
2. What were the views of the Free Soil Party?
3. What developments began to threaten the sectional balance of the 1850s?
4. What was the significance of Daniel Webster's Seventh of March Speech?
5. How did the Compromise of 1850 worsen sectional tension?
6. What led to the collapse of the Whig Party?
7. What were the the United States' first actions as a Pacific power in Asia?
8. How did the Kansas-Nebraska Act worsen sectional tension? How did it impact the major political parties?