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Causes of the Civil War

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Please read and take detailed notes on the Effects of Westward Expansion and Sectional Debates.

1. What was Oregon’s political status in the 1840’s? Describe the compromise that allowed the Oregon Territory to become part of the U.S. in 1853. What will be the status of slavery in this territory and why?
2. Why do some assume that slavery will be excluded in the lands gained from Mexico in 1848? Be specific about each state. How would this exclusion of slavery affect the sectional politics of the nation? (Think balance of power.)
3. What was the Wilmot Proviso?
4. In the chart below, describe the positions of the political parties in the election of 1848.

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| **Party** | **Position on Annexation** | **Position on Slavery** | **Presidential candidate? Why chosen?** |
| Democrat |  |  |  |
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| Free Soil |  |  |  |
| Liberty |  |  |  |

1. What was the effect of Sectionalism on the 2-Party system?
2. After several years of bitter partisan (political party) and sectional disagreement, the “Compromise of 1850” was approved. Describe that compromise. What happened?
3. What is “Popular Sovereignty”?
4. What was the reaction in the North to the fugitive slave law?
5. Describe what the Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854 said. What were the terms of the act?
6. Why was this act so divisive? Be specific.
7. What was the importance of the Lincoln-Douglas debates?
8. Describe the conflicts going on in Kansas after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Be sure to mention ‘Border Ruffians’, ‘jayhawkers’, and ‘Bleeding Kansas’.

13. Who was John Brown and what was his involvement in Kansas?

1. How does the Republican Party form? What are its positions?

14. Describe Kansas' eventual admission to the Union.