

## Chapter 12 Guided Reading Questions

### ***Section 1***

1. Why did many people feel that a compromise on slavery was impossible?
2. Why did the California gold rush create more sectional problems?
3. In what way would the idea of popular sovereignty support southern belief in states' rights?
4. Who won the election of 1848?
5. Describe the major provisions of the Compromise of 1850.
6. What problems could arise with the adoption of popular sovereignty to decide the issue of slavery in a territory?
7. How did Northerners react to the Fugitive Slave Law?
8. What role did Harriet Tubman play in the abolition movement?
9. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* would produce what effect on the nation after 1852?

## ***Section 2***

1. Why did Stephen A. Douglas want to organize the territories of Kansas and Nebraska?
2. Why did Douglas want to repeal the Missouri Compromise?
3. What was the northern reaction to the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act?
4. What was the basic slant of the new Republican Party's platform?
5. What was the major issue of the "Know-Nothing" Party?
6. What method of decision to adopt slavery led to violence in Kansas, and how?
7. The attack on Charles Sumner in the Senate demonstrated what about North-South relations?

## ***Section 3***

1. Some southerners threatened what if a Republican victory occurred in 1856?
2. What did the Dred Scott Decision decide about the question of slavery in the territories?
3. Lincoln saw what possibilities as the only solutions to the issue of slavery in the US?
4. What effect did John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry in 1859 have on Southerners?

***Section 4***

1. What was South Carolina's reaction to the election results of 1860?
2. President Buchanan was caught in what dilemma early in 1861?
3. What problem did Fort Sumter pose for Lincoln?

## Chapter 12 Vocabulary

### *Section 1*

49ers

popular sovereignty

Zachary Taylor

Compromise of 1850

Fugitive Slave Act

Underground Railroad

Harriet Tubman

Franklin Pierce

*Uncle Tom's Cabin*

### *Section 2*

Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)

Stephen A. Douglas

Republicans

"Bleeding Kansas"

Charles Sumner

### ***Section 3***

James Buchanan

*Dred Scott v. Sanford*

Roger B. Taney

Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

John Brown's Raid

### ***Section 4***

election of 1860

Fort Sumter