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The Road to the Civil War

1. Missouri Compromise:

- Missouri joined the Union as a slave state
- Maine joined the Union as a free state
- Both North and South were happy (maintained balance of power in Congress)
- A line was drawn at 36° N latitude
 - All land North = FREE
 - All land South = SLAVE

2. Compromise of 1850:

- California joined the Union as a free state
- Mexican Cession was divided into 2 territories
 - Each would decide the issue of slavery with popular sovereignty (People vote)
- slave trade ended in Washington D.C.
- passed a Fugitive Slave Law (see #3)

3. Fugitive Slave Law:

- Required all citizens to catch runaway slaves
- Could be fined \$1000 or jailed if you didn't turn them in
- Northerners felt forced, by law, to support slavery

4. Uncle Tom's Cabin:

- Fictional novel written by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Told the story of an elderly slave beaten to death
- South was enraged
- North saw slavery as a moral issue, not just political

5. Kansas-Nebraska Act:

- Kansas and Nebraska territory would each decide the issue of slavery by popular sovereignty (people vote)
- Southerners supported this
Northerners opposed because it went against the Missouri Compromise line

6. Bleeding Kansas:

- Kansas was set to vote on slavery issue
- Pro-slavery and anti-slavery groups traveled to Kansas to persuade the vote
- Fighting broke out - 200 people were killed - Newspapers called this Bleeding Kansas

7. Dred Scott Decision:

- Dred Scott was a slave who moved with his master to a free state and back to a slave state.
- When his master died, he sued the government for his freedom.
- Supreme Court ruled that he couldn't file a lawsuit because slaves are property and have no rights
- Supreme Court also said Congress couldn't outlaw slavery in the western territories - Missouri Comp is unconstitutional
- Further divided north and south

8. John Brown's Raid:

- John Brown was an abolitionist (wanted to end slavery)
- He wanted to lead a slave uprising
- He attacked a federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry, VA
wanted to arm slaves
- No slaves followed him
- He was caught and killed