

# Causes of the Civil War

## 1820 - 1860



John Shurtleff, Company F,  
2nd Massachusetts Cavalry



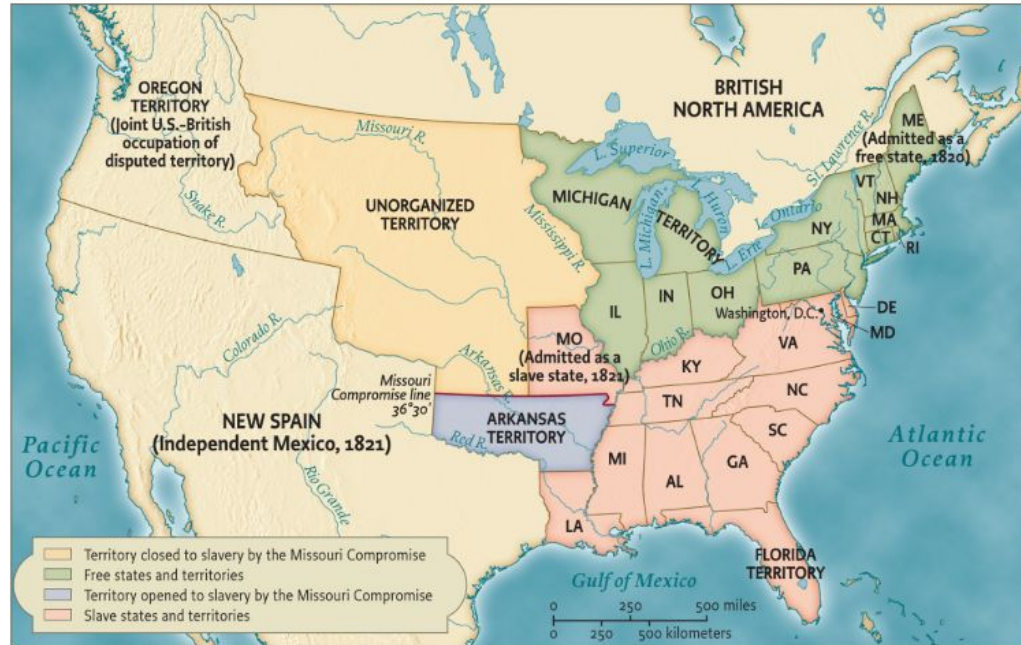
A Union camp along the James River, 1864.  
Photo by Egbert Guy Fox. National Archives.



Confederate Uniform

# THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE (1820)

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# WILMOT PROVISIO (1846)



Resolved, that no slave and free territories  
be admitted to the Union of any territory  
of the Republic of America, by the  
United States, by the cession of any territory  
which may be acquired to them,  
and to the use of the Union of the same  
have appropriated, and there slavery  
now existing herein shall be  
left in any part of said territory, and  
for crime where the party shall be first  
tried therein.

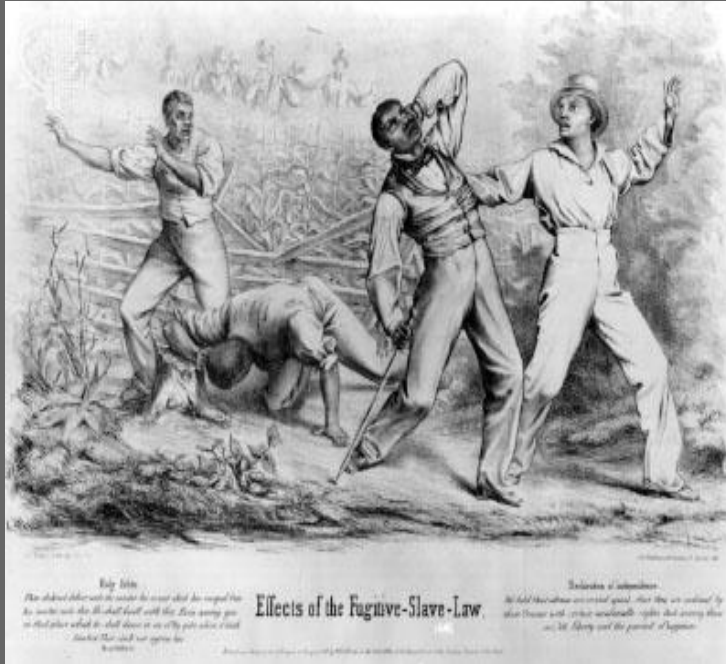
Wilmot to W. G. L. & C.

# COMPROMISE OF 1850



1. California enters as a free state
2. Slave trade abolished in Washington D.C.
3. Slavery allowed in D.C.
4. Fugitive Slave Law
5. Popular sovereignty

# FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW (1850)



**CAUTION!!**  
**COLORED PEOPLE**  
**OF BOSTON, ONE & ALL,**  
 You are hereby respectfully CAUTIONED and advised, to avoid conversing with the **Watchmen and Police Officers of Boston,**  
 For since the recent **ORDER OF THE MAYOR & ALDERMEN,** they are empowered to act as **KIDNAPPERS**  
 AND  
**Slave Catchers,**  
 And they have already been actually employed in **KIDNAPPING, CATCHING, AND KEEPING SLAVES.** Therefore, if you value your **LIBERTY,** and the *Welfare of the Fugitives among you,* Show them in every possible manner, as so many **HOUNDS** on the track of the most unfortunate of your race.  
**Keep a Sharp Look Out for KIDNAPPERS, and have TOP EYE open.**  
**APRIL 24, 1851.**

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# UNCLE TOM'S CABIN



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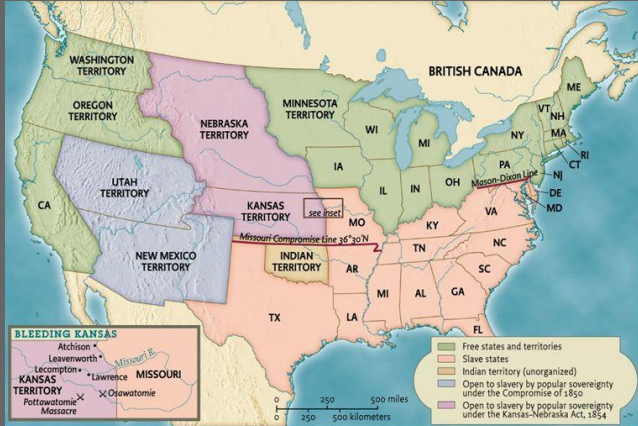
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Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852) to denounce slavery and Fugitive Slave Act.

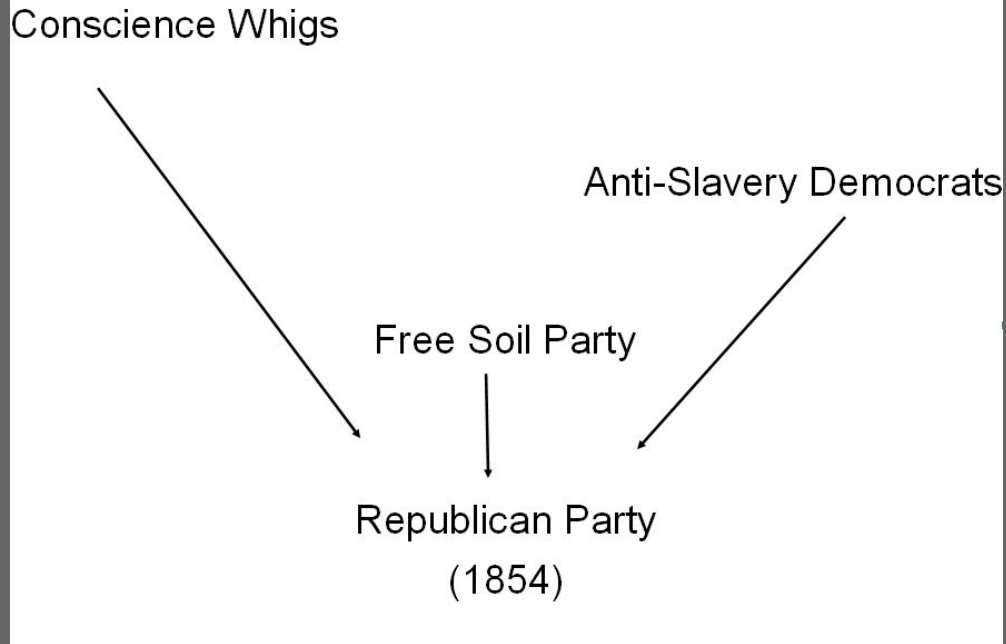


# KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT (1854)



- Splits the Nebraska Territory into two parts - the Kansas Territory & Nebraska Territory
- Allow each territory to decide whether to allow slavery or not - Popular Sovereignty

# The Republican Party (1854)





# Contest for Kansas

- Settlers feuded over conflicting land claims
- Missouri citizens crossed border to vote in election
- 1856 - Pro-slavery raiders, burned a part of the free-soil town of Lawrence



# POTTAWATOMIE CREEK KILLINGS (1856)

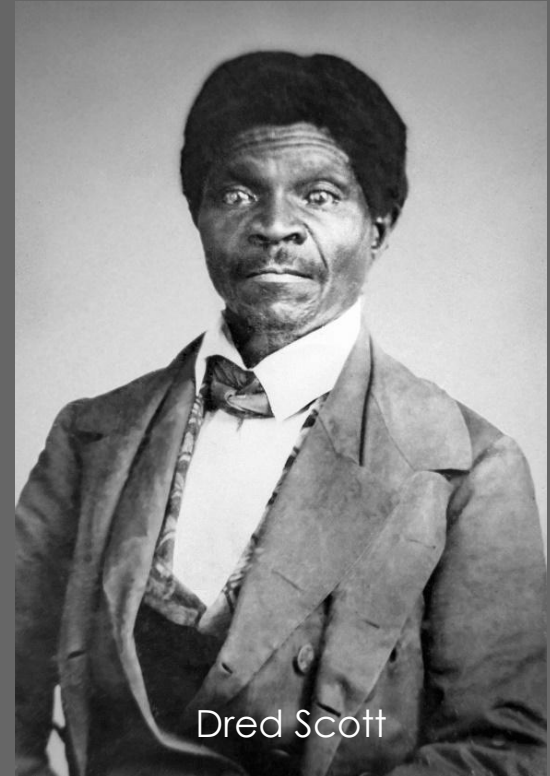
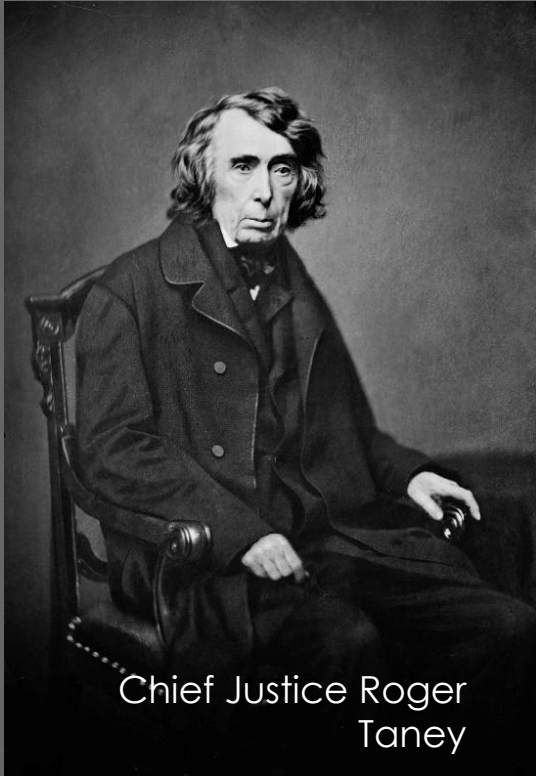


# Sectional Politics

Congressman Preston Brooks (SC) used his cane to beat Senator Charles Sumner (MA) within an inch of his life.



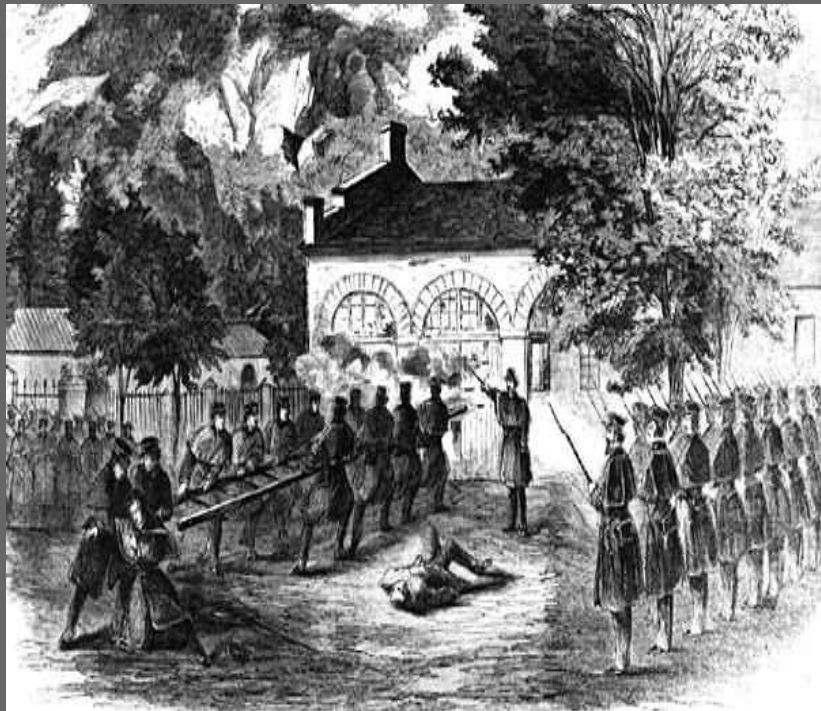
# Dred Scott Decision (1857)



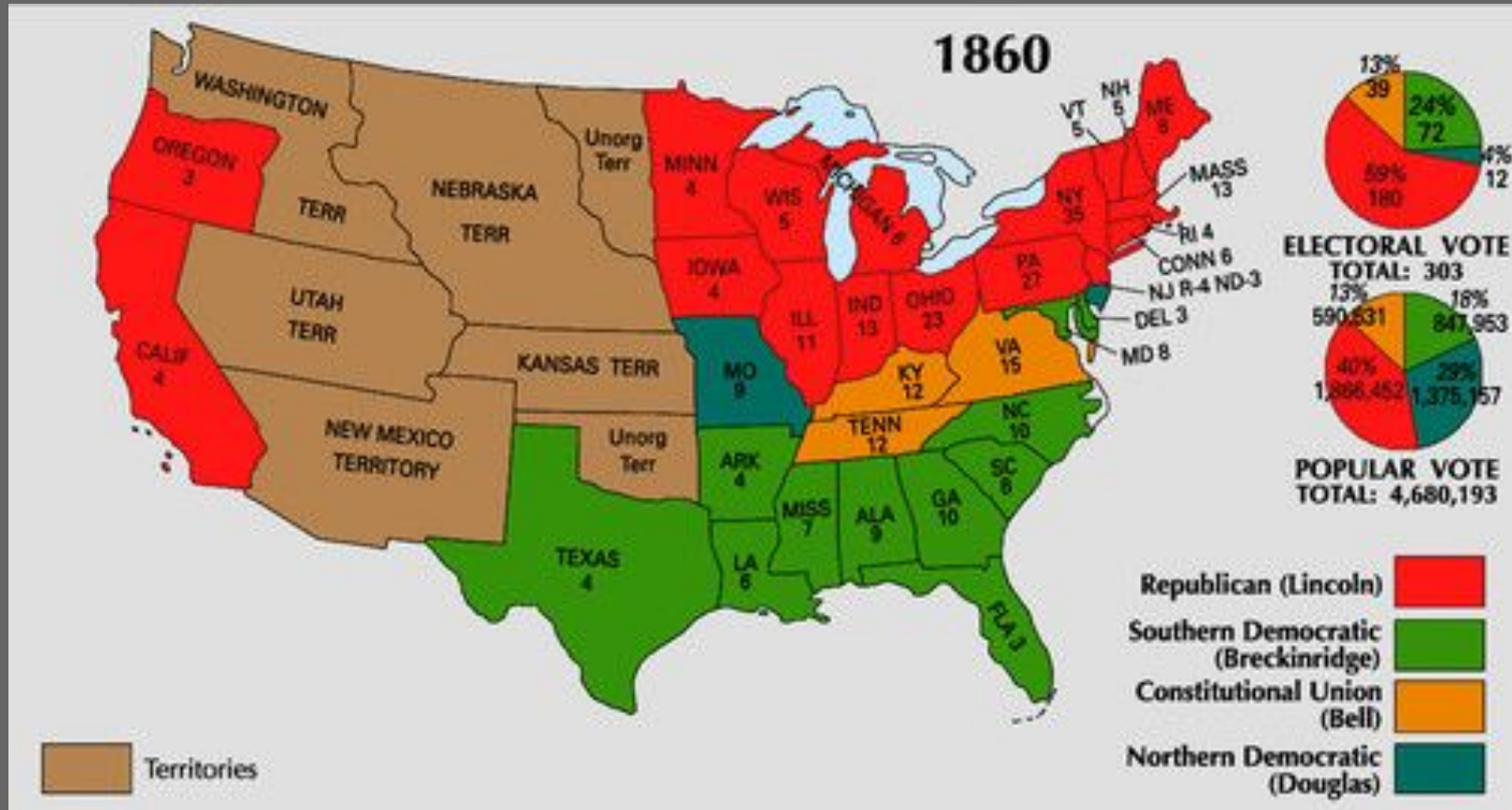
# LINCOLN-DOUGLASS DEBATE (1858)



# RAID ON HARPER'S FERRY (1859)

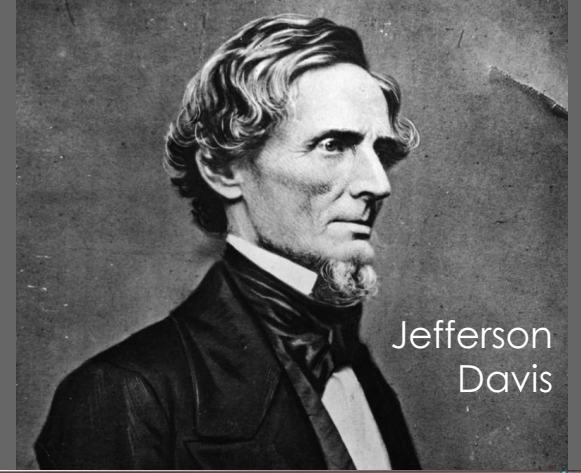


# ELECTION OF 1860



# Secession Movement

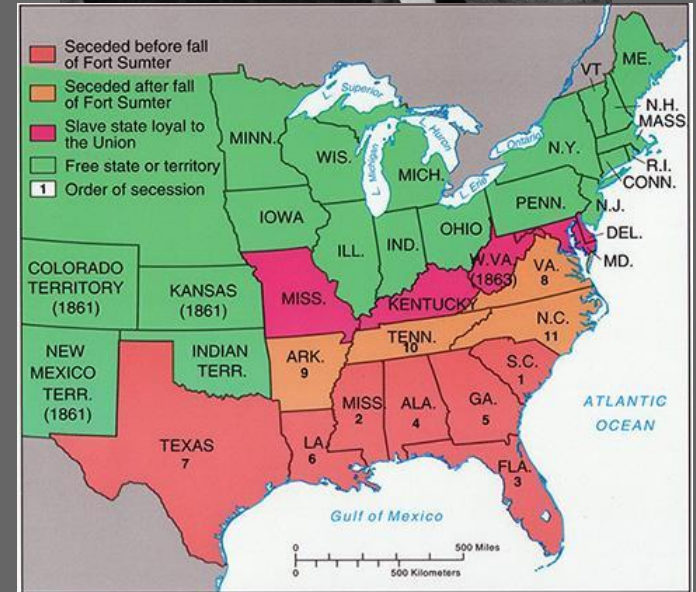
White Southerners see  
Lincoln's victory as threat to  
way of life



Jefferson  
Davis

Seven Deep South states  
secede from Union

Confederate States of America





# IMPORTANT VOCABULARY!

**POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY** – A vote where the people decide on an issue. Some things we do not vote on, kids. Like rights!

**COMPROMISE** – An agreement reached between two sides where both sides have to “give up” something. Note: Despite what political pundits will tell you, this is not selling out your principles and is, in fact, how all governance happens in a republic. Read a book already!

**ABOLITIONIST** – A person who works to bring an end to or believes in no slavery. You know, like a decent human being.

**SECTIONALISM** – The belief that your part of the country is the best. Stupid unless you are from Texas.

# MORE VOCAB.

FUGITIVE – A person who has gone against or broken the law and is on the loose. Only bad when your laws are, you know...not evil.

SECEDE - To remove or break away as the Southern states did from the Union. i.e. Taking your ball and going home to protect an evil institution because you lost a free, fair, Constitutional election.

ARSENAL – A warehouse that stores guns and ammunition. Do not rob one. Illegal guns are a real problem and they besmirch the reputation of honest gun owners.

MARTYR – A person who is willing to die for their beliefs. i.e. – John Brown. MLK. Hitler. Batman.