

## Increasing Tension Questions

### Compromise of 1850

1. Why did California requesting admission to the United States once again raise the issue of free and slave states?

**It threatened the balance of power between slave and free states**

2. What were the conditions of the Compromise of 1850?

1. California would enter as a free state
2. The states of New Mexico and Utah were created and could decide by popular sovereignty if they would be free or slave states.
3. Ended the slave trade in Washington, D.C.
4. Put into place a strict fugitive slave law
5. Settled a border dispute between Texas and Mexico

3. What do you think about Henry Clay's compromise? What might you add? What might you take away?

### Opinion

### Fugitive Slave Law

1. What were the conditions of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850?

. It required all citizens to help catch runaway slaves. Any person caught aiding a runaway slave by providing shelter, food or any other form of assistance was liable to six months' imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine. On the other hand, officers capturing a fugitive slave were entitled to a monetary reward.

2. The Fugitive Slave Law, as part of the Compromise of 1850, was supposed to be part of a compromise that pleased both the North and the South. Which area was happy with the law and why? Which was unhappy with the law and why?

**North was unhappy. They felt it forced them to take part in protecting slavery.**

**South was happy. Now the North is held accountable for fugitive slaves.**

3. Who is the "Caution" poster warning?

### Colored People of Boston

Why are they being warned? Who is after them?

**To watch out for police, because they may be slave catchers or kidnappers**

What might happen if these people are caught?

**They may be sent back to the south**

### Kansas Nebraska Act

1. Describe the conditions of the Kansas Nebraska Act.

The settlers living in each territory would decide the issue of slavery by popular sovereignty, when the people are allowed to decide whether or not slavery will be permitted in their individual territories

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2. Why did Southerners support the Act? Why did Northerners oppose it?

**Southerners liked it because they thought slave owners would cross the border and vote. Northerners argued that the Missouri Compromise outlawed slavery in Kansas and Nebraska.**

3. What is happening in the political cartoon shown above? How did events such as the one depicted in the cartoon increase tensions between the North and the South?

**The government is forcing slavery on the freesoilers in Kansas. Northerners felt this was unfair.**

### Bleeding Kansas

1. How did Kansas become a battleground over the slavery question in the western territories?

**Proslavery and Antislavery settlers poured over the borders to physically fight it out.**

2. How did proslavery groups gain control of Kansas? What did they do to quickly exert their power?

**Proslavery groups crossed the border and voted illegally. They immediately pass laws in their favor.**

3. Why did the area become known as “Bleeding Kansas?”

**More than 200 people were killed over the issue of slavery**

### Attack in the Senate

1. What is Charles Sumner accusing Andrew Butler of in the excerpt of his “Crimes Against Kansas” speech?

**Spreading violence in Kansas**

2. Why did Sumner become a hero in the North after his brutal attack by Brooks? Why did Brooks become a hero in the South because of his cane attack on Sumner?

**Sumner was a hero in the North because he was a martyr, he took a beating for his cause. Brooks was a hero in the South because he got revenge for his relative Butler.**

3. While Sumner was attacked because of his personal words against the South Carolina Senator Butler, what larger conflict does the attack represent? Why is this attack an omen of things to come for the United States?

**The attack represents how angry and out of control the argument over slavery has gotten in the North and South. It is an omen of how the entire nation will begin to physically fight over the issue.**