



# A Divided Nation

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## The Chapter in Brief

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Differences between the North and the South gradually led to division. In their political views, people in the South emphasized the authority of the state, while people in the North supported the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_. The South remained an \_\_\_\_\_ economy, while the North based its economy on \_\_\_\_\_. In the South, staple crops were grown on large farms called \_\_\_\_\_. On these farms, labor was supplied by \_\_\_\_\_. Southern whites called slavery the "\_\_\_\_\_."

The demand for forced labor in the South increased after the invention of the \_\_\_\_\_. In 1808, there were \_\_\_\_\_ slaves; by 1860, there were almost \_\_\_\_\_ slaves in the United States. Slaves were legally regarded as the \_\_\_\_\_ of their owners. Their lives were controlled by \_\_\_\_\_. Many times, slaves tried to revolt against the system. Perhaps the most successful revolt was led by \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_. Some people also set up a secret escape network called the \_\_\_\_\_.

For a while, people in the North and South were able to work out their differences over slavery. In 1820, leaders in Congress agreed to the \_\_\_\_\_ which divided up the Louisiana Territory along the \_\_\_\_\_ parallel of latitude. It became more difficult to work out peaceful solutions when the United States obtained new land from Mexico. Henry Clay suggested a solution that became known as the \_\_\_\_\_. California was to be admitted as a \_\_\_\_\_ state. The people of New Mexico were to decide on slavery in their territory by means of \_\_\_\_\_. There was to be an end to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the District of Columbia. And a new \_\_\_\_\_ was to be passed to help owners get back slaves who escaped.

This arrangement kept slavery out of politics until 1854. That year Congress passed the \_\_\_\_\_ which repealed the \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Territory of \_\_\_\_\_ became the center for the battle over slavery west of the Mississippi River. Arguments over the issue caused the collapse of the \_\_\_\_\_ party and the birth of the \_\_\_\_\_ party. Since the new party opposed the spread of slavery, leaders in the South saw it as a threat to their interests. \_\_\_\_\_ became the leading candidate of the new party and ran for President in 1860.

Relations between the North and the South became worse when \_\_\_\_\_ led an attack on a federal arsenal at \_\_\_\_\_ , Virginia, in the fall of 1859. In 1860, \_\_\_\_\_ was elected President without receiving a single electoral vote from a \_\_\_\_\_ state. After the election, several states decided to \_\_\_\_\_ from the Union. The first state to do this was \_\_\_\_\_ . Finally, six southern states sent delegates to Montgomery, Alabama, in the year \_\_\_\_\_ to form the \_\_\_\_\_ .