

# COMPROMISE & CRISIS

1849 - 1860

Chapter 2 - Section 3



# OVERVIEW

- ❖ The United States continued to expand even farther west, sectionalism and disagreements over slavery in the new territories continued to plague the nation. The crisis between free states and slave states resulted in a deepening crisis between political parties. After the raid on Harpers Ferry, Southern Democrats became convinced that Northerners and Republicans would stop at nothing to end slavery. Spurred by failing compromises and the election of Abraham Lincoln, Southern states began to secede from the Union, proclaiming themselves to be separate and known as the “Confederate States of America” and appointed Jefferson Davis as their president.

# STRUGGLE FOR COMPROMISE

- ❖ Manifest Destiny - the nation was meant to spread to the pacific
- ❖ After gold rush, California seeks Statehood - 1849
- ❖ 15 Free & 15 Slave States
- ❖ South upset = Begin talks of Secession
- ❖ Popular Sovereignty - Allow states to decide if they want to permit slavery



# COMPROMISE OF 1850

- ✱ Sen. Harry Clay came up with Compromise:
- ✱ Ca. admitted as free state
- ✱ New Mexico & Utah territories no restrictions on slavery
- ✱ Congress not allowed to interfere with slave trade
- ✱ Law created to recover fugitive slaves -
- ✱ Created to ensure the South the North was not ending slavery



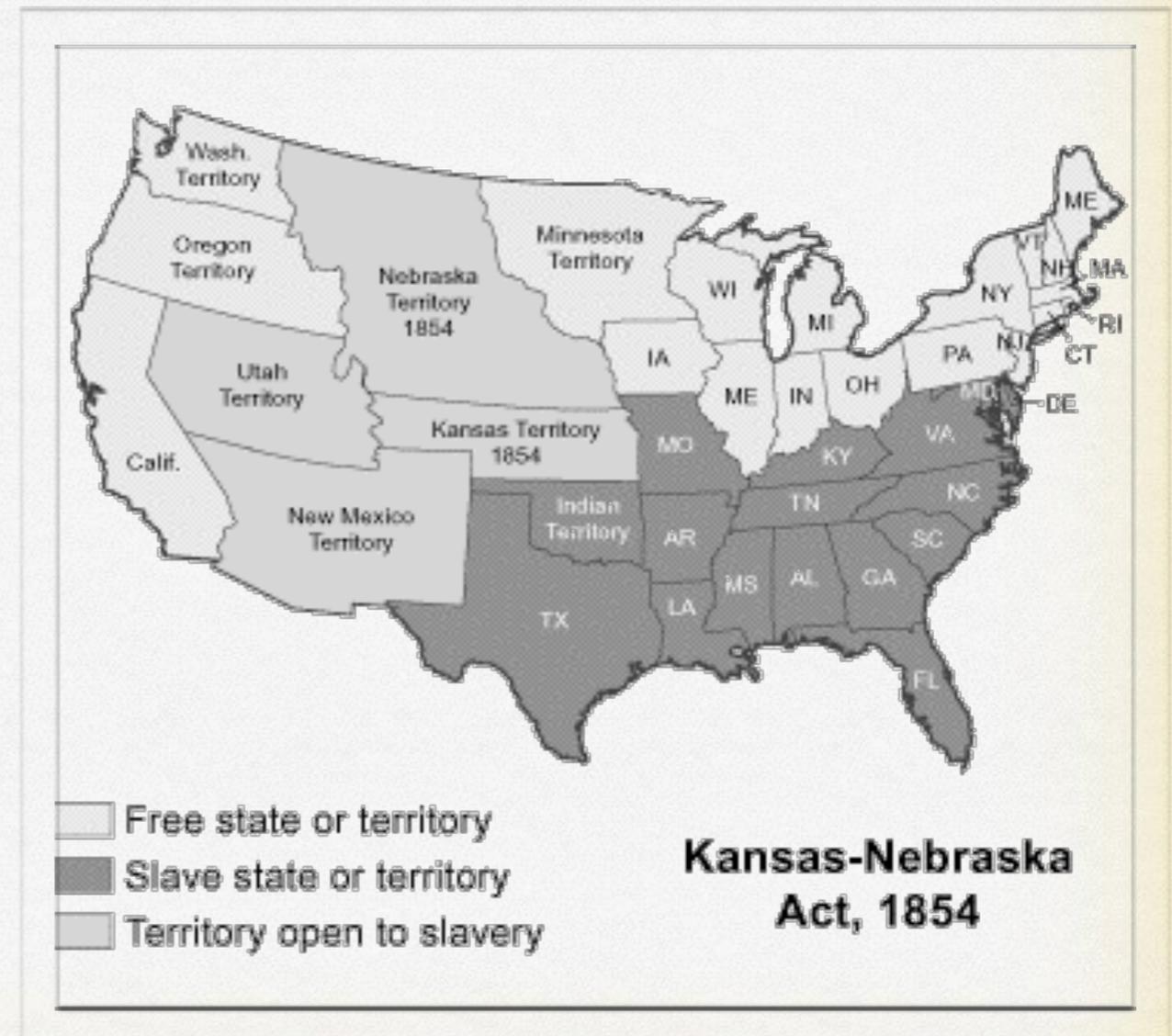
# FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT

- \* Slave holder or catcher only had to point out runaway
- \* Detained brought before judge
- \* Judge tended to rule in slaveholder favor = paid \$10 for every judgement for & \$5 for every judgement against
- \* Made Northerners mad - drove many into defiance
- \* Underground RR / Harriet Tubman leader

**\$150 REWARD.**  
RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of Monday the 11th July, a negro man named  
**TOM,**  
about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; of dark color; heavy in the chest; several of his jaw teeth out; and upon his body are several old marks of the whip, one of them straight down the back. He took with him a quantity of clothing, and several hats.  
A reward of \$150 will be paid for his apprehension and security, if taken out of the State of Kentucky; \$100 if taken in any county bordering on the Ohio river; \$50 if taken in any of the interior counties except Fayette; or \$20 if taken in the latter county.  
july 12-84-tf  
B. L. BOSTON.

# TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

- ❖ Govt wanted new railroad to open trade & promote growth
- ❖ Problem = RR would run thru new territory
- ❖ Sen. Douglass (Ill) prep. bill to organize territory into Nebraska
- ❖ Southerners - balance unhappy / wanted to repeal Missouri Compromise



# KANSAS NEBRASKA ACT

- ✿ Act passed May 30, 1854 =  
Nebraska Free / Kansas Slave
- ✿ Northerners & Southerners rushed to Kansas to vote hoping for a moral majority
- ✿ Pro-Slavery Won - Charged with Election fraud
- ✿ Anti-Slave held another election, Pro slavery didn't participate





# DRED SCOTT

- ❖ Dred Scott - Missouri slave taken to a free state to work
- ❖ Filed lawsuit against slaveholder (Dred Scott v. Sanford)
- ❖ Arguing - he was a freeman since he lived in the free territory
- ❖ Supreme Court denied request



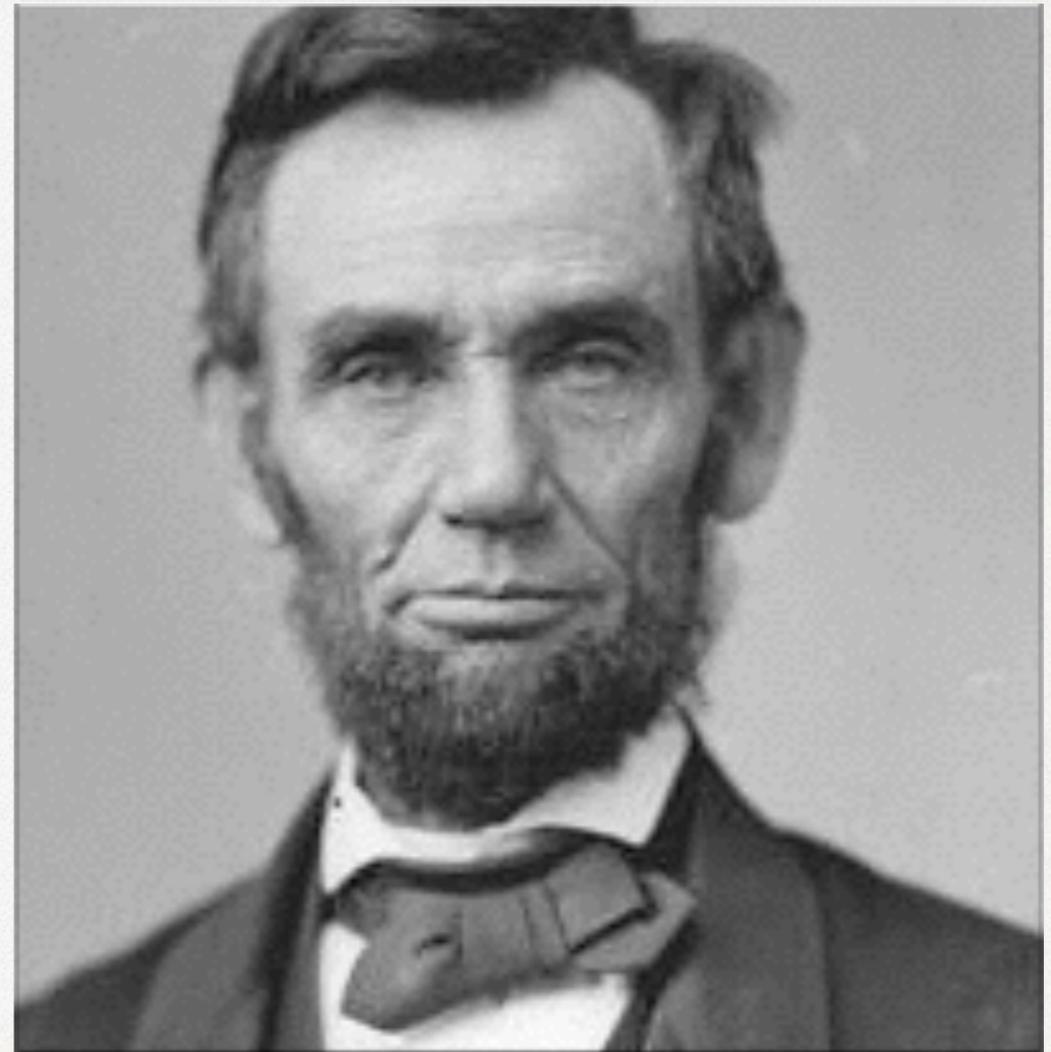
# JOHN BROWN'S RAID

- ✦ Pro Slavery Forces - Attacked towns in Kansas as revenge
- ✦ John Brown - Opposed Slavery
- ✦ Abducted & murdered 5 pro slavery settlers (Kansas)
- ✦ Planned a rebellion at Haprrers Ferry (Virginia)
- ✦ Attacked slave holders hoping slaves would leave and join him
- ✦ Brown surrendered - sentenced to death



# LINCOLN & SECESSION

- ✿ Lincoln elected to office
- ✿ South viewed election as threat to culture
- ✿ South began to secede
- ✿ By Feb. 1861 - 7 states left union
- ✿ S. Carolina / Texas / Florida / Alabama / Georgia / Louisiana / & Mississippi



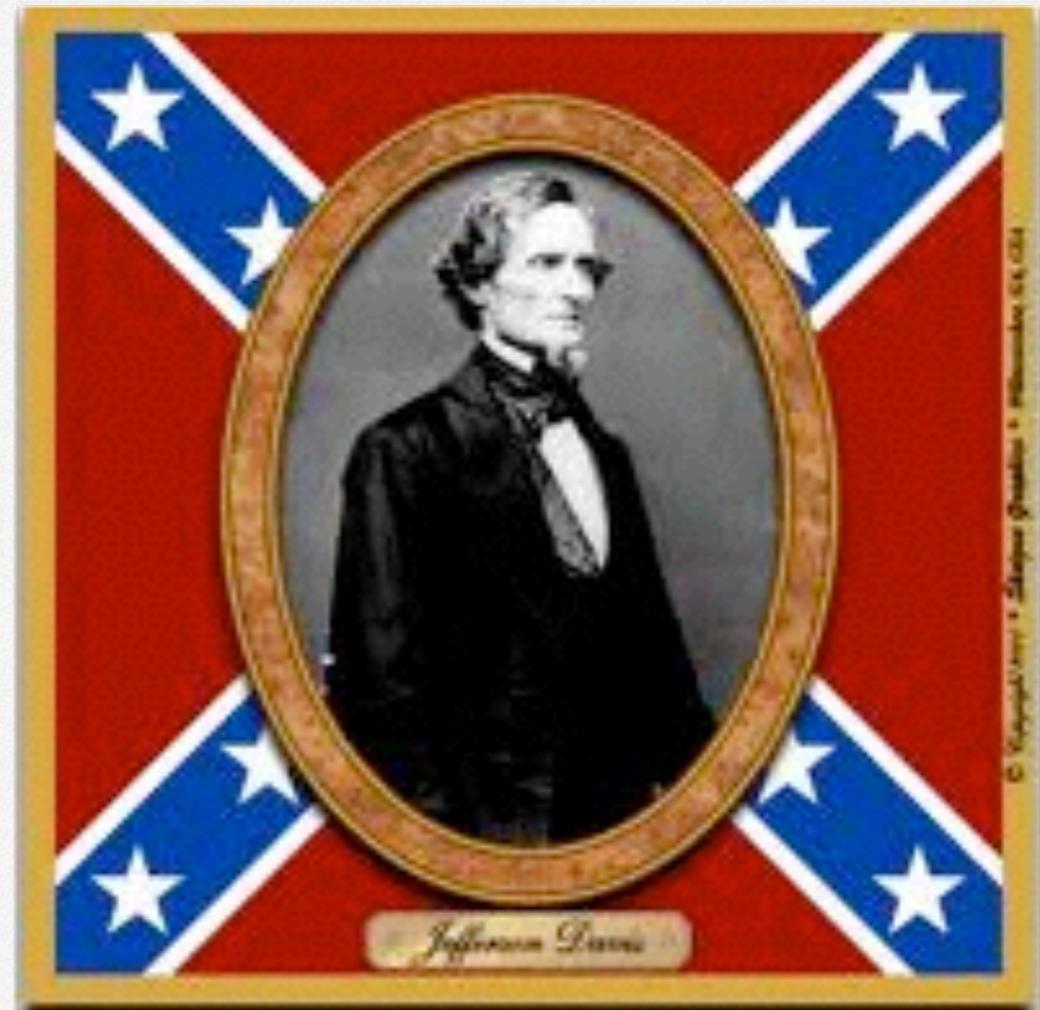
# FAILED COMPROMISE

- \* Crittenden's Compromise - Reinstate Missouri Compromise line
- \* Guarantee slavery where it already existed
- \* Extend Line to the pacific
- \* All States North of line free States / South of line = Slave States
- \* Compromise Voted down per Lincoln's request



# CONFEDERACY

- ❖ Southern Delegates met in Alabama
- ❖ Declared themselves a New Nation  
The Confederate States of America
- ❖ Drafted new Constitution / similar to old / guaranteed slavery / 6Yr term for president
- ❖ Jefferson Davis elected as First Confederate President.



*"The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert it's self, though it may be at another time and in another form."*  
-President Jefferson Davis-

# DAVIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

- ✿ “The time for compromise has now passed. The South is determined to make all who oppose her...Smell Southern Powder, and Southern Steel!”
- ✿ He then called for the remainder of the Southern States to join.....
- ✿ The Civil War Began...