**The 1850s:**

**The Union Unravels**

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| **Year** | **Event** | **Impact** |
| 1820 | Missouri Compromise |  |
| 1828 | “Tariff of Abominations” |  |
| 1846-1848 | Mexican War |  |
| 1848 | Free Soil Party |  |
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| 1850 | Compromise of 1850 |  |
| 1852 | *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* |  |
|  | 1852 Presidential Election | Democrat:  Whig:  Free-Soil:  Outcome: |
| 1854 | Kansas-Nebraska Act |  |
|  | Republican Party |  |
|  | New England Emigrant Aid Company |  |
|  | Lecompton Constitution |  |
|  | Ostend Manifesto |  |
|  | *Sociology for the South* |  |
| 1855 | Topeka Constitution |  |
| 1856 | Brooks-Sumner Incident |  |
|  | Pottawatomie Massacre |  |
|  | 1856 Presidential Election | Democrat:  Republican:  American (Know Nothing):  Outcome: |
|  | William Walker in Nicaragua |  |
| 1857 | *The Impending Crisis of the South* |  |
|  | *Dred Scott v. Sanford* |  |
|  | Panic of 1857 |  |
| 1858 | Lincoln-Douglas Debates |  |
| 1859 | Harpers Ferry Raid |  |
| 1860 | 1860 Presidential Election | Republican:  Northern Democrat:  Constitutional Union:  Southern Democrat:  Outcome: |
|  | South Carolina Declaration of Causes |  |
|  | Crittenden Compromise |  |
| 1861 | Lincoln’s First Inaugural Address |  |
|  | Attack on Fort Sumter |  |

Essential Question:

“By 1860, why had sectional compromise become impossible?”

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Northern Republicans Bleeding Kansas *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

Southern Democrats Brooks-Sumner incident *The Liberator*

Free Soil Party Harpers Ferry Raid *The North Star*

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Personal liberty laws Henry Clay Industrial Revolution

Kansas-Nebraska Act Daniel Webster King Cotton

Dred Scott v. Sanford Homestead Act