Civil War review

Causes of the Civil War

1. Sectionalism

Northeast South Northwest

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| Manufacturing  Shipping  Fishing  Small farms  Factories  Factory workers  Cities | Slavery  Prosperity based on profits  Obtained by use of slave labor  Large plantations  Export crops  King Cotton | Breadbasket  Grain  small farmers |

\*Northwest(today’s Midwest) tied economically to the Northeast

* Mutually profitable trade of foodstuffs for manufactured goods
* Network of railroads

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1. Slavery

\*most explosive issue

1. Abolitionists – slavery a moral evil

* Frederick Douglass
* Sojourner Truth
* Harriet Tubman
* William Lloyd Garrison

1. New Territories

* War with Mexico
* South understood that only by extending slavery could they preserve the balance between slave and free states in the Senate
* Harriet Beecher Stowe – Uncle Tom’s Cabin

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1. Breakdown of Compromise

Past Compromises:

* Missouri Compromise 1820
* Compromise of 1850

Breakdown:

1. **Kansas – Nebraska Act 1854** – effectively nullifies Missouri Compromise

Bleeding Kansas

Congress introduced law allowing settlers in these territories to vote on whether they wanted slavery or not. (popular sovereignty)

1. **Dred Scott decision** Supreme Court 1857

S.C. ruled that Congress could not prohibit slavery in any of the new territories; slaves are property and property is protected under the Constitution;

1. **John Brown’s Raid** – 1859
2. abolitionist
3. raided federal armory in effort to start a slave revolt
4. aroused a sense of alarm among southerners

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