

APUSH
Chapter 19 EQs

- 1) How did each of the crisis events of the 1850s help lead toward the Civil War?
- 2) What role did violence play in increasing the sectional conflict?
- 3) How did the political developments of the period work to fragment the Democratic Party and benefit the Republicans?
- 4) Explain the crucial role of Stephen A. Douglas in the political events of the 1850s. Why did Douglas's attempts to push the conflict over slavery out of sight fail? What role did Douglas play in the election of 1860?
- 5) How did the Supreme Court's decision in the Dred Scott Case intensify the sectional conflict over slavery?
- 6) Could the Crittenden Compromise or some other proposal have prevented or at least postponed the Civil War? Why was compromise successful in 1820 and 1850 but not 1860?
- 7) How did the North and the South each view the precarious events of the 1850s?
- 8) Abraham Lincoln and the Republicans frequently declared that they sought only to prevent the expansion of slavery, and not to overturn slavery where it existed. Yet immediately after Lincoln's election some southerners pursued secession. Why? Were their fears of Lincoln rational or irrational?