

Learning Unit No. 15

"A House Divided"

Note: L.U. 15 involves chapter 19

Unit Outcomes:

1. Explain those factors which heightened the tensions between the North and South in the 1850s.
2. Describe how Congress attempted to compromise on the issue of slavery.
3. Explain the specific events leading to the Civil War

Outline:

- I. growing tensions
 - A. regional differences (economic, urbanization, etc.)
 - B. varying viewpoints
 - C. Dred Scott Decision
 - D. Lincoln-Douglas debates
 - E. John Brown's raid
- II. Congressional efforts
 - A. Compromise of 1850
 - B. Kansas-Nebraska Act
- III. secession and warfare
 - A. election of 1860
 - B. Jefferson Davis and the Confederacy
 - C. attack at Ft. Sumter
 - D. analysis

Key terms, names, and quotations:

border states
"Bleeding Kansas"
Abraham Lincoln
Mason-Dixon Line

Confederate States of America
Uncle Tom's Cabin (H.B. Stowe)
Free-Soil Party
Fugitive Slave Law

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and free."

Readings:

_____ 1. pp. 477 - 483

_____ 3. pp. 490 - 495

_____ 2. pp. 484 - 490