



Chapter 14 – A Divided Nation Study Guide

Written below are questions that will be required to know for the chapter test. The answer for each question can be found in your notes. Go back to your notes for this section and find the correct answer. This study guide is to help guide your studies for the upcoming test. It is not a requirement for this class, it does not need to be turned in, and it will not be scored. This is only meant as a tool to help you prepare for the test. If you complete, study, and know the following information, your overall performance on the test should be high. Do your best and ace the test!

Section 1

1. What impact did the Wilmot Proviso have on life in America?

2. How did the idea of popular sovereignty affect slavery in the United States?

3. What was the main reason that most northerners were opposed to the new Fugitive Slave Act created by the Compromise of 1850?

4. What was the significance of the Compromise of 1850?

5. How was Frederick Douglass different from many other slaves of his time?

6. In 1848, what constituted the boundary between slave states and free states?

7. How did John C. Calhoun and Daniel Webster differ in their interpretations of the power of the federal government?

8. Why did Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* anger many southerners?

9. Why did Harriet Beecher Stowe decide to write *Uncle Tom's Cabin*?

Section 2

10. Why did Stephen Douglas propose the Kansas-Nebraska Act?

11. What were the effects of the Kansas-Nebraska Act?

12. Why did southern Democrats trust Franklin Pierce to represent their party in the election of 1852?

13. Which of the following issues greatly influenced the election of 1852?

14. What were the results of the Pottawatomie Massacre?

15. Who led the group of antislavery supporters who were involved in the Pottawatomie Massacre in Kansas?

Section 3

16. What party was formed in 1854 by the Whigs, Democrats, Free-Soilers, and abolitionists?

17. What rulings did the Supreme Court's make in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*?

18. Why were Republicans especially angered by the *Dred Scott v. Sandford* decision?

19. What did Abraham Lincoln accuse Democrats of wanting in the Lincoln-Douglas debates?

20. What did the Freeport Doctrine, proposed by Stephen Douglas, state?

21. Look at Abraham Lincoln's quote in your notes. What were Lincoln's thoughts about the future?

Section 4

22. Why did John Brown's raid lead some southerners to begin to consider seceding from the Union?

23. How did John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry affect life in the United States?

24. What was the significance of the election of 1860?

25. Why did the southern states decide to secede from the Union after the election of 1860?

Abraham Lincoln

