**Chapter 15.1: The Debate Over Slavery**

**The addition of new land in the West renewed disputes over the expansion of slavery.**

1. What was the Wilmot Proviso?
2. How did the Wilmot Proviso differ from popular sovereignty?
3. Why did southerners want to upset the balance of power by letting California enter the Union as a free state?

**The Compromise of 1850 tried to solve the disputes over slavery.**

1. What were the five key points of Henry Clay’s Compromise of 1850?
2. In their response to the Compromise of 1850, what views did senators Seward, Calhoun, and Webster represent?
3. Do you think the Compromise of 1850 settled the questions of slavery in the United States? Why or why not?

**The Fugitive Slave Act caused more controversy**

1. What was the purpose of the Fugitive Slave Act?
2. How was the Fugitive Slave Act biased in favor of slaveholders?
3. Why do you think that of 343 fugitive slave cases, fugitive slaves were declared free only 11 times?

**Chapter 15.2: Trouble in Kansas**

**The debate over the expansion of slavery influenced the election of 1852**

1. Who did the Democrats choose as their presidential candidate in 1852, and why?
2. How did the Whigs’ decision to nominate Winfield Scott as their candidate in 1852 backfire?

**The Kansas-Nebraska Act allowed voters to allow or prohibit slavery**

1. What were the main points of the Kansas-Nebraska Act?
2. What were some immediate results of the act?
3. What problems do you think might result from having two territorial legislatures?

**Pro-slavery and antislavery groups clashed violently in what became known as “Bleeding Kansas”**

1. What was the situation in Kansas in early 1856?
2. What occurred during the Sack of Lawrence?
3. How did the Sack of Lawrence lead to further violence?
4. Why do you think the situation in Kansas led to violence in the Senate chambers?
5. Briefly describe that attack on Charles Sumner in the Senate chambers.