**Review and New Information**

**Directions:** Use the following graphic organizer to show the growing conflict in America leading up to the American Civil War. Summarize each event in a few key points. Use your 15.1 & 15.2 review packet for help, too!

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. Members of which groups united to form the new Republican Party?
2. Who won the election of 1856, and what advantages did he have over the other candidates?
3. Why was the Dred Scott decision so significant?
4. Briefly defend Dred Scott’s right to freedom in a paragraph.
5. What was Lincoln’s response to the Dred Scott decision?
6. Why do you think the Republican Party challenged Douglas’s run for senate?