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**5 Causes of the Civil War - #1 - Power in the Government**

**Missouri Compromise** <https://app.schooltube.com/video/436db78092287c71bdfb/The_Missouri_Compromise>

* 1819 - 11 free states and 11 slave states - balance of power in Senate
* Missouri sought admission as slave state
  + BUT - above the latitude where cotton can be grown
  + Northerners see it as Southern aggression - a move to control Senate
* Henry Clay proposes compromise
  + Maine free, Missouri slave - preserve balance
  + DRAWS A LINE ! - all other states formed north of 43'40" ***must be free***

**Annexation of Texas and War with Mexico**

* New Republic of Texas hopes to be annexed to U.S. as a new slave state
  + North used majority in House to block for 10 years
* Polk wins election by talking about expansion - MANIFEST DESTINY!!!
  + immediately splits Oregon with Britain
    - asked Congress to admit Oregon free and Texas slave
  + then purposefully angers Mexico to start war
    - sent troops onto disputed area near border - U.S. soldier shot
    - got Congress to declare war saying, "American blood has been shed on American soil!"
  + South and West voted together - North loses
    - Lincoln gives first speech in Congress to protest going to war

**Wilmot Proviso -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd-JPPnWF9g>

* Land obtained from Mexican-American War would be open to slavery open to slavery
  + south of 43'40" line
* a special condition added to a legal document - proviso = "provided that . . ."
* Wilmot proposed addition to the treaty that ends the war –
  + Ban slavery in any land obtained from Mexico
  + South blocks proposal in Senate – but worried

**California’s Application for Statehood and The Compromise 0f 1850** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvlUqV1vwTc>

* California first state to form from land obtained from Mexico - gold discovered 6 month after war
  + Miners give population to become state almost immediately
* Would permanently tip the balance in Senate - more free states
  + Southerners threaten to secede (pull out) of Union
* Compromise
* For North -
  + California - free state
  + Banned buying and selling of slaves in Washington, D.C.
* For South
  + Popular sovereignty - a vote of the people in each territory would decide whether it became a free or slave states
  + A stronger fugitive slave law

**Kansas-Nebraska Act - Popular Sovereignty -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWww0YIf-JE&t=1s>

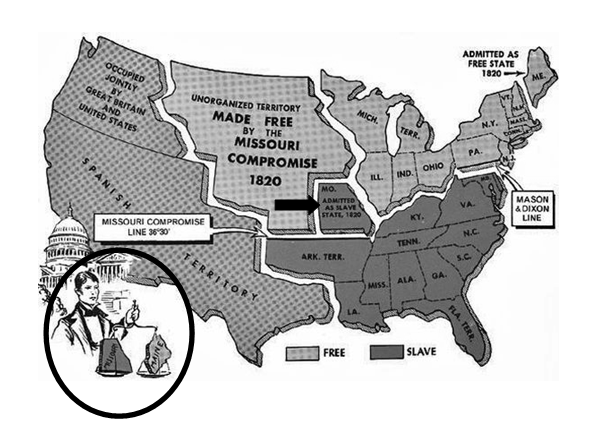
* Stephen Douglas - senator from Illinois - proposes pop. sov.
  + Southerners blocking the statehood of Nebraska because it will be free
  + Illinois needs to get Nebraska to be a state- then can build a railroad from Chicago to the Pacific through Nebraska
* Each new territory would take a vote and decide for itself

**Bleeding Kansas -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqZJc7B8xsc>

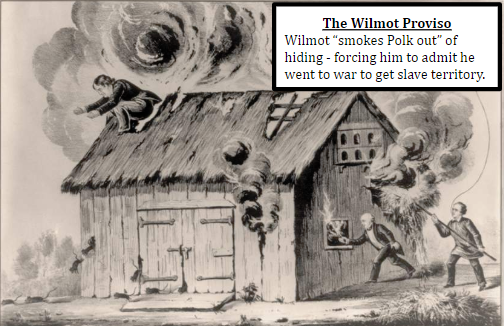
* Popular Sovereignty causes violence
* Both pro-slavery and anti-slavery supporters flood into Kansas
  + want to be majority when vote on Kansas constitution held
  + not really to be permanent settlers
* Over 5,000 pro-slavery supporters crossed from Missouri to vote illegally
  + only 3,000 votes really in Kansas.
* Anti-slavery settlers refuse to accept the vote
  + start their own government
* So then there are two governments
  + Pro-slavers attack Free capital - burn buildings in anti-slave government capital
  + Group led by John Brown - murders five pro -slavers
* Violent bands of pro-slave and anti-slave fighters roam the state.

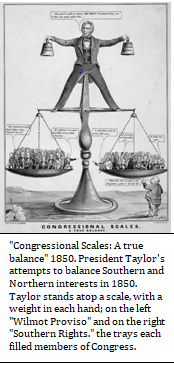
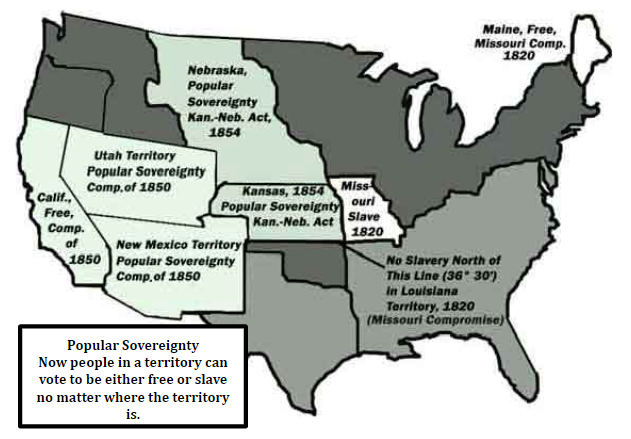
**Dred Scott Decision -** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9m-0HGFbtxA> (start at :41)

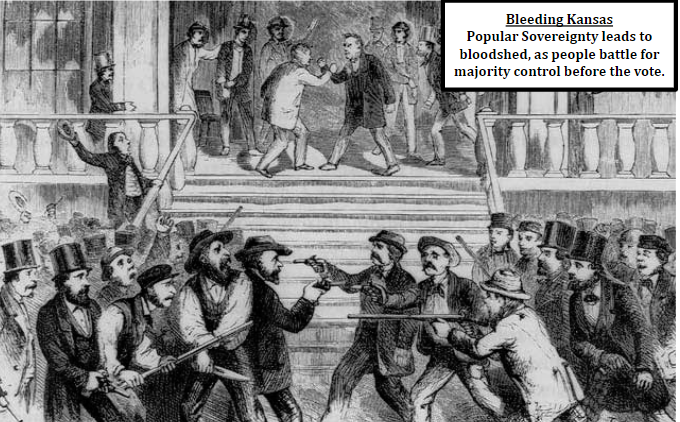
* Supreme Court decision made slavery legal in every state!
* ***Facts of Case*** - A slave sued for his freedom because his master had taken for some time to live in free territories
* ***Question*** ***for the Court*** - Does the Constitution say that living in a free territory or state make you free?
* ***Answer*** – No, for *two* reasons -
  + Courts cannot even hear slaves’ pleas because they are not citizens.
  + Slaves are property only
  + Constitution protects the right to property.
  + State laws cannot take property away.
    - So no state or territory can prohibit slavery.

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