

APUSH 1848-1854 RENEWING THE SECTIONAL STRUGGLE REVIEWED!

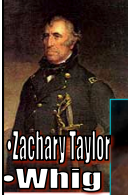
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FREE SOIL MOVEMENT

- Following the Mexican American War **issue of slavery in the territories** becomes the key cause of **sectional tension**
- **Free Soil Party** formed in 1848: “free soil, free labor, and free men”
 - Wanted no slavery in new land to the west
 - Keep West an opportunity for whites only
 - Not against slavery in the south
- Many southerners saw any attempt to restrict the expansion of slavery as a **violation of their constitutional rights**.



1848 Presidential Candidates



•Whigs took no position on slavery in the election

•Cass supports **popular sovereignty**:

•People in the **territory should decide** whether or not to allow slavery

•**Free Soil Party** opposed extension of slavery in the territories (**Wilmot proviso position**)

Gold is discovered in California: Near Sutter's Mill



California Gold Rush, 1849

**Sectional tension
between the north and
south.**

California creates a constitution **banning slavery** and ask Congress for **admission as free a state**

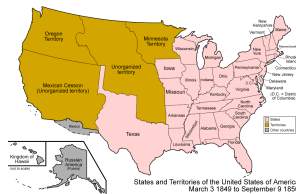
Crisis over Mexican Cession

- Until California tried to become a free state, **equal balance of power** in the Senate

- 15 free states
- 15 slave state

- Southerners increasingly defensive over the institution of slavery

- Tallmadge Amendment (1819)
- Wilmot Proviso (1846)
- Underground Railroad



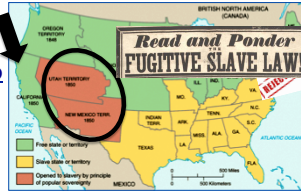
THREATS OF SECESSION And then COMPROMISE

- Radical southerners “**Fire-eaters**” talk openly of secession
- Could there be another compromise?
 - **Missouri Compromise** (1820)
 - **Nullification crisis** (1828-1833)
 - Force Bill and Compromise Tariff of 1833
- **Henry Clay** and **Stephen Douglas** favor compromise



Compromise of 1850

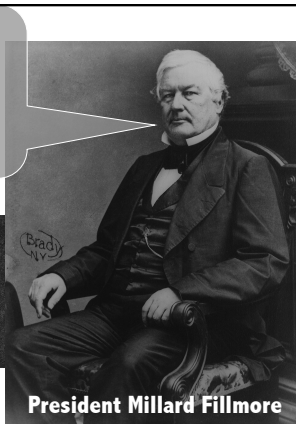
- **CA** admitted as **free state**
- **Mexican Cession land** Utah and New Mexico setup as territories
 - Slavery determined by **Popular sovereignty**
- **Ban slave trade in Washington D.C.**
- **New Fugitive Slave Law** for the South
- Settled **border dispute** between NM and TX in NM favor



President Fillmore called the Compromise of 1850 the “final settlement” of sectional division.

I'm DEAD!

12.
Zachary Taylor 1849-1850



President Millard Fillmore

FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT OF 1850

CAUTION!!
COLORED PEOPLE
OF BOSTON, ONE & ALL,
be on their heads continually and
watched, in and out of the
Watchmen and Police Officers
of Boston.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SLAVES &
THEIR FRIENDS, THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED BY THE
CITIZENS OF BOSTON, FEBRUARY 1850.

KIDNAPPERS
Slave Catchers,
are the most dangerous enemies of the
free people of this country, and
the most dangerous enemies of the
free people of this country, and
the most dangerous enemies of the
free people of this country.

Keep a Sharp Look Out for
KIDNAPPERS, and have
TOP EYE open.

APRIL 24, 1850.



- Huge increase in **sectional tension** in the 1850s as a result of the Fugitive Slave Act
- Fugitive Slave Act turned the north into a **hunting ground for fugitive slaves**
- Northerners who assisted runaways could be **arrested**
- Slaves could not testify in court, denied a jury trial

NORTHERN RESISTANCE

- Moderate northerners are suddenly **sympathetic to the abolitionist movement**
 - Growth in the abolitionist movement
- **Underground Railroad:** helped escaped slaves reach the north or to Canada
- **Personal Liberty laws:**
 - Did not allow use of local jails for housing fugitive slave
- **Vigilance Committees:** goal to protect fugitive slaves from the slave catchers
- **Anthony Burns:** 1853 escaped from slavery

CITIZENS
OF
BOSTON!

A Free Citizen of Massachusetts—Free by MASSACHUSETTS LAW—will the Liberty be destroyed by a MASSACHUSETTS JURY, IS

Now Imprisoned

IN A MASSACHUSETTS

TEMPLE OF JUSTICE!

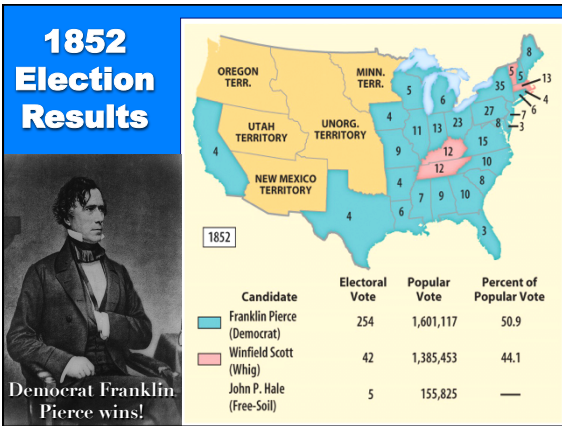
The Commission, created upon by the SLAVE POWER who in the path of Liberty, are to be examined down the throat of the North.

THE KIDNAPPERS ARE HERE

See to it that Massachusetts Laws are not outraged with your consent! See to it that no Free Citizen of Massachusetts is dragged into Slavery.

Without Trial by Jury! '76.

The **1850's** saw the nation becoming more and more **polarized.**




NATIONAL EXPANSION CHALLENGED


- Debate over slavery slowed any attempts at national expansion (**Manifest Destiny**)
- **Free Soil** supporters had suspicion of any expansion attempts under **President Pierce**
- **Ostend Manifesto**: plan for the U.S. to buy Cuba from Spain
- **Free Soilers** denounced this plan
- Northerners increasingly fear that the south was attempting to create a slave empire or **'slaveocracy'**



GADSDEN PURCHASE



Although most attempts at expansion fall under President Pierce, the U.S. does agree to purchase a strip of land for \$10 million dollars from Mexico in 1853



Map shows present-day boundaries.

0 300 Miles
0 300 Kilometers

Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854

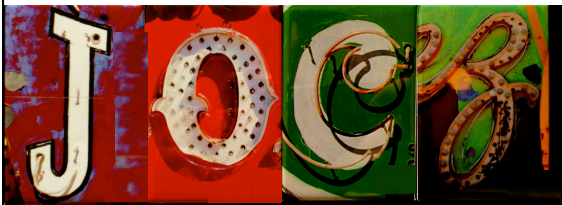
- **Stephen Douglas** wants to secure a **RR route** and encourage **western settlement**
- To win southern approval: Set up two territories 1) Kansas 2) Nebraska
- Slavery would be decided by **popular sovereignty**
- **Repeal's** the Missouri Compromise of 1820
 - Slavery can go north of 36°30'
- Huge **opposition in the north** – **Republican party** formed
 - Gave south an opportunity to expand **slavery**



FLIRTING WITH ASIA

- **U.S. interest** in expanding trade led to economic, diplomatic, and cultural initiatives westward to **Asia**.
 - **Treaty of Wanghia (1844)**
 - first **diplomatic agreement** between US and China,
 - Goal to promote trade
 - Many **missionaries go to China**
 - **Treaty of Kanagawa (1854)**
 - Japan isolated for over 200 years
 - President Fillmore sends **Commodore Matthew Petty** in **1852 to Japan**
 - Begins U.S. and Japan **trade relationship**

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