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*Chapter 18 -* the Treaty of Guadalupea Hildalgo has ended the Mexican-American War. This expansion of territory started a new debate about the extension of slavery. In this time, the Whigs nominated General Zachary Taylor, a man with no previous political experience but was a very popular man. In 1848, gold was discovered in California and thousands of people flooded into that state. Not many people ‘stuck rich’. As a result California drafted a constitution and applied for statehood. In 1850, the south was doing very well off. They had a Southern president, majority in the cabinet and on the Supreme Court, as well as equality in the senate. But even with all this, they were still worried. Disruption was stirred with the admission of California as a state. A small group of people called the “Young Guard” believed in getting rid of slavery and living a higher law described in the bible and knew of no compromise. The compromise of 1850 was passed soon after Taylor died.  
*Chapter 19 –* in 1852 Harriet Beecher Stow published *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, a popular book in the north. It’s about how slavery divides families and falsely demonstrates how slaves were treated from their masters. Many copies were sold; the south hated it and announced that it was extremely inaccurate. In Kansas, many northerners flooded into the state shortly before Election Day, and many southerners did the same. Kansas was voted into the county as a slave state, but the free-soilers made their own government. In 1857, Dred Scott was a slave whose master took him to the free states. There he ran away and lived ‘free’ for many years. Later he was repossessed by his original master and sued for his freedom claiming that he was free in a free territory therefore he was free. The court ruled that because he is an object, he was never originally free from his master, as well the Missouri Compromise was banned. Lincoln and Douglas had a series of seven debates. Douglas won the seat for the senate. John Brown organized a revolt against the south, it did not work.