

Chapter Nineteen

Drifting Toward Disunion, 1854-1861

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- 1. focused especially on slavery's destructive effect on black families.
- 2. argued that non-slaveholding whites suffered the most from slavery.
- used hard facts and objective descriptions rather than emotions in presenting the realities of slavery.
- 4. caused many southerners to feel guilty about the moral cruelties of slavery.

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Hint: See page 409.

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- aroused strong hostility to slavery among poorer, non-slaveholding whites.
- 2. argued that slavery was contrary to the religious values held by most Americans.
- 3. was banned and burned throughout the South.
- 4. predicted and called for a violent civil war between North and South.

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Hint: See pages 411-412.

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- 1. was first started when John Brown attempted to organize a slave uprising in the state.
- 2. demonstrated western pioneers' strong commitment to legality and the democratic process.
- was fueled when southern slaveholders began importing large numbers of blacks to work in the wheat fields.
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Hint: See pages 412-414.

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- 1. the admission of Kansas as a free state.
- 2. a statewide referendum on slavery to be held after Kansas's admission to the Union.
- 3. a prohibition against either New England or Missouri involvement in Kansas politics.
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- Sumner had vehemently attacked the South and pro-slavery Senator Andrew Butler in a speech on the Senate floor.
- 2. Sumner was involved in shipping weapons to antislavery forces in Kansas.
- Sumner had charged that Brooks was the leader of a conspiracy to take the South out of the Union.
- 4. Brooks believed that Sumner would win the presidency as the anti-slavery Republicans' candidate in 1856.

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- 3. the Whig Party.
- 4. the Ku Klux Klan.

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- 1. their inability to unite behind a single candidate.
- 2. the support immigrants and Catholics gave to the American party.
- 3. the Republicans' initial lack of clarity about where they stood on the slavery issue.
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- slavery violated the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights.
- 2. he had purchased his own freedom from his master.
- 3. his master had illegally taken him into a free state and a free territory.
- 4. that only Congress and not territorial legislatures could enforce slavery in the territories.

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Hint: See pages 417–418.

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- 1. a homestead act that would offer free farms to western settlers.
- 2. a demand to prohibit all slavery in future territory to be acquired by the United States.
- 3. a bill to fund building of a transcontinental railroad across a northern route from Chicago to San Francisco.
- 4. a bill to repeal the Fugitive Slave Act portion of the Compromise of 1850.

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- 3. service as a Whig cabinet member and as the governor of Illinois.
- 4. two years as United States Senator from Illinois.

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