

AP United States History

Path to Civil War Continued

- Anti-Slavery Literature
 - Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe
 - Abraham Lincoln meets her: "So you are the little woman who wrote the book that made this war"
 - Depicts slave owners as cruel and inhuman, south hates this and bans it
 - The Impending Crisis of the South
 - Makes an economic argument against slavery, no morals. Also banned in South
- End of Two Parties: Whigs and Democrats. Birth of Republican Party in 1854
 - Made of Northern Whigs, Democrats, Free Soilers, Know-Nothings
- Dred Scott Case - 1857
 - Supreme Court Case where Dred Scott argues that, after being brought to Illinois + Wisconsin, he was free
 - Used to live in Missouri, but his owner died
 - Not only was Dred Scott not free, African Americans could not sue or have legal rights
 - This legalizes slavery basically everywhere
- Lincoln's Position
 - Claims that people who support popular sovereignty did not recognize slavery as a moral wrong to appeal to the north
 - Lincoln was only anti-slavery in the territories
- John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry — 1859
 - Tries to raid a fort to seize weapons and incite a slave rebellion
 - He is captured. Turns out he was funded by northern abolitionists
 - Martyr in the north, terrorist in the south. Lincoln actually denounces Brown's actions