UNIT 4 NOTES

1800-1848

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JEFFERSON AND THE REPUBLICAN IDEAL

- First time in American history that power transferred from one party to another
- Jefferson set a new tone for the federal government.

JEFFERSON THE POLITICAL LEADER

- William Marbury sued Sec. of State James Madison to deliver his commission as justice of peace in Washington, D.C.
- For the first time in U.S. history, the Supreme Court declared a federal law unconstitutional

RURAL AMERICA AND THE AGRARIAN IDEAL

- The population of the United States when Jefferson took office was just over 5.3 million, almost 900,000 of whom were African slaves.
- Ninety percent of whites lived on farms.
- Hamilton-Burr duel

JEFFERSON THE INDIVIDUAL

- Monticello
- Sally Hemings

THE IDEAL OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- Jefferson's letter
- The "wall of separation between church and state" became part of the American lexicon.

THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE AT THE STATE LEVEL

- Jefferson, along with James Madison, had convinced the Virginia legislature to end public financial support for the Episcopal Church in that state in 1786.
- The fiercest battle over state support for specific churches was fought in Connecticut.

NEW RELIGIOUS EXPRESSIONS

- Deists
- Second Great Awakening

CANE RIDGE AND THE REVIVALS OF THE EARLY 1800s

- Cane Ridge, Kentucky
- Site of huge religious gatherings "camp meetings"

METHODISTS, BAPTISTS, AND OTHER PROTESTANTS

- John Wesley
- Francis Asbury
- Despite their differences, however, both the Methodist and the Baptist ministers were highly effective in changing the religious outlook of the country after 1800.

FAITH IN THE SLAVE QUARTERS AND FREE BLACK CHURCHES

- Many plantation owners organized religious services for slaves that focused on the virtues of submission and obedience.
- Slaves passed along memories of another form of worship—congregations that met, often at night in secluded places.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES

- In the early years of the Republic, there were few Roman Catholics or Jews in the areas of the original 13 colonies.
- During the late 1700s and early 1800s, the largest number of Catholics in North America lived in New Orleans.
- Most of the few American Jews lived in East Coast cities.

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

- Greatest single accomplishment of the Jefferson administration
- 1800 Louisiana transfers from Spain to Napoleon and France
- 1803 U.S. buys it
- Doubled the size of the U.S.

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

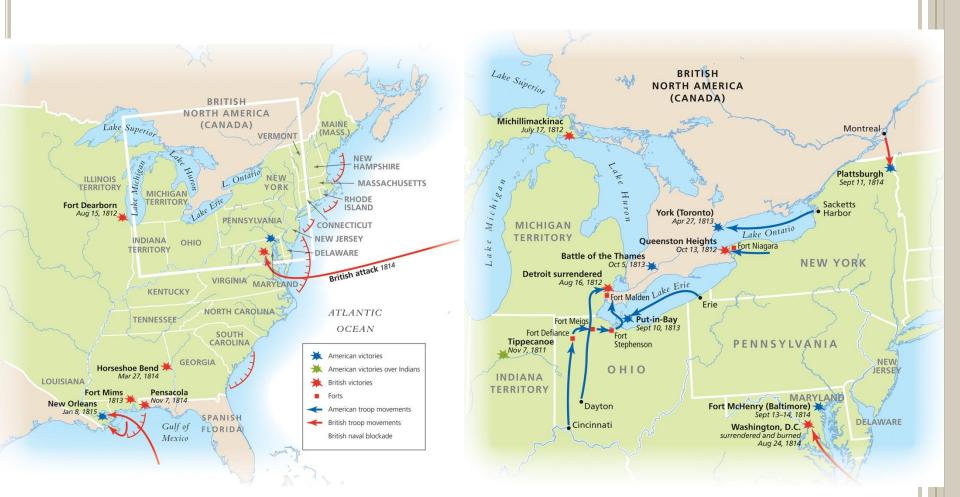
- New Orleans was unusual for an American city when it became part of the United States in 1803.
- Many of its inhabitants spoke French or Spanish, but they now lived in a country where business was conducted in English.
- It was a Catholic city.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

- Prior to the U.S. acquisition of Louisiana, Jefferson had planned an exploration of the territory
- He assigned Meriwether Lewis
- Lewis in turn selected William Clark
- o 1804-1806

THE WAR OF 1812

• Map 8-2, Fighting the War of 1812.



RENEWED TENSION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN

- "Second War for Independence"
- Federalists and New England oppose
- Causes:
 - Britain interfering w/ trade on the high seas
 - Impressment
 - British inciting Indian attacks on Americans

RENEWED TENSION BETWEEN WHITES AND INDIANS

- Tecumseh, a Shawnee, sees the need for Indian unity
- Along w/ his brother, Tenskwatawa ("The Prophet"), they resist the "white man"
- 1811 Gov. William Henry Harrison decides Tecumseh must be stopped

WAR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

- 1814 British attack Washington, D.C. & Baltimore
- British burn the White House, the Capitol, & all other government buildings
- Treaty of Ghent
- Battle of New Orleans

EXPANDING AMERICAN TERRITORY AND INFLUENCE

• Expanding Borders, 1817–1823



FLORIDA AND OREGON

- Andrew Jackson takes Florida in 1817.
- The Adams-Onis Treaty
- The U.S. gets Florida.
- Spanish rights to the Oregon Territory transfer to the United States.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE

- "The American continents . . . are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers"
- "Hands off" warning to European powers in the Americas

CREATING THE COTTON ECONOMY

- Cotton's dominant role in the economy came about quickly.
- After the War of 1812, cotton quickly outstripped every other American export and remained a major American industry until the 1930s.

DEMAND AND TECHNOLOGY

- Eli Whitney the cotton gin
- The cotton gin that Whitney patented in 1794 could clean 50 pounds of cotton a day.
- The United States now had an export crop that could make it prosperous.

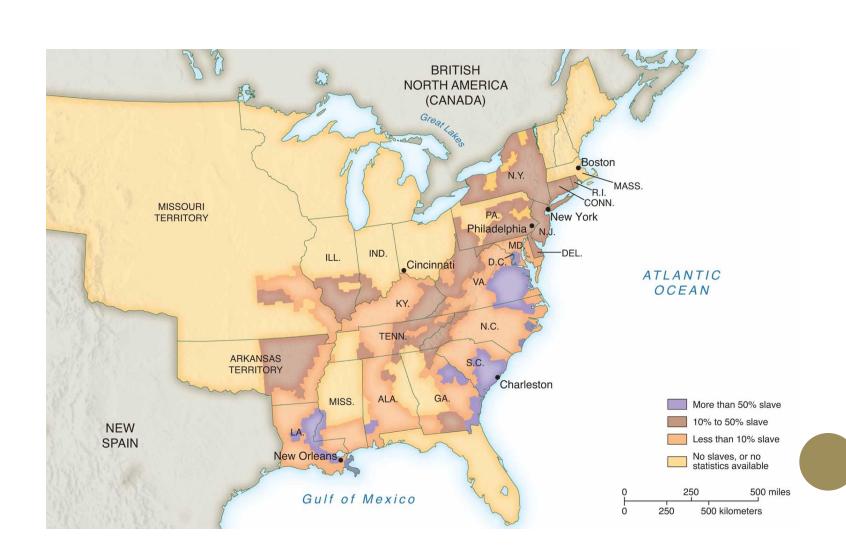
COTTON EXPORTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL U.S. EXPORTS, 1800–1860

• Figure 9-1, Cotton exports as a Percentage of all U.S. exports, 1800–1860

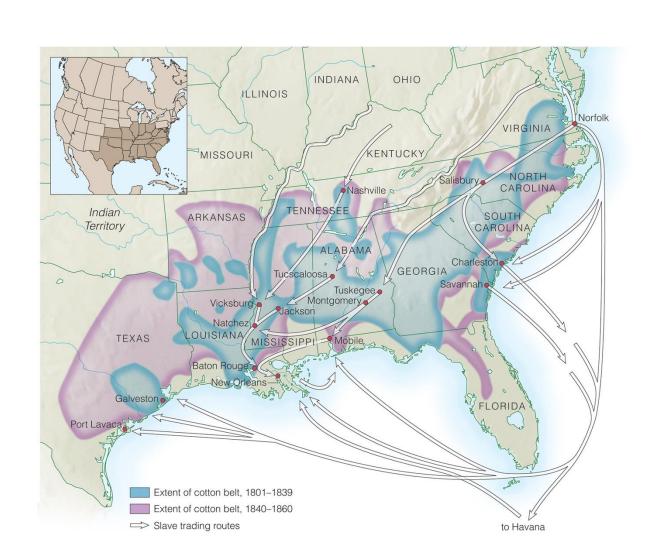
THE LAND OF COTTON

- The black belt (named for its rich black soil), stretching from Georgia to Louisiana.
- The quality of the soil made it perfect for growing cotton.
- The federal government played a central role in the development of these lands.

THE GROWTH OF SLAVERY IN THE BLACK BELT



THE EXPANDING COTTON BELT



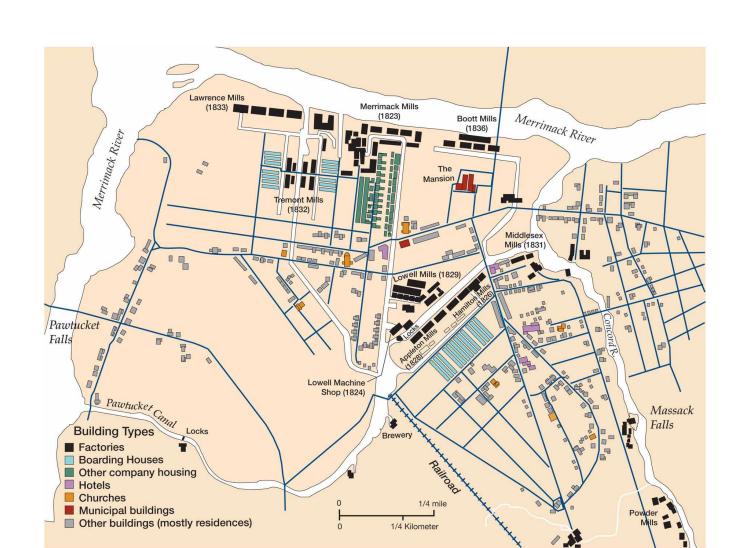
THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED THE LAND—COTTON AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF SLAVERY

- African slaves did most of the work.
- Between 1800 and 1860, more than 1 million black Americans were forced to move to new homes in the interior cotton-growing lands.
- Work in cotton fields was backbreaking.

COTTON IN THE NORTH—FACTORIES AND THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED IN THEM

- Textile industry gave rise to the first factories
- Francis Cabot Lowell
- Lowell, Massachusetts 1813

LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS IN 1832



NEW YORK AND THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON TRADE

- New York City enjoyed several advantages that allowed it to play such a dominant role in the nation's cotton economy.
- New York was also the place in the United States to raise money.
- The seeming insatiable European demand for cotton resulted in a rapid growth of the industry.

THE PANIC OF 1819

- Suddenly in 1819, the growth came to a sudden if temporary halt.
- The value of cotton fell.
- The U.S. limited credit.
- Depression affected all Americans.

COMMERCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND TRANSPORTATION

- Demand grew for American products such as corn, wheat, wood, and furs.
- Internal transportation became essential for the country's commercial development.

THE ERIE CANAL

- Albany to Buffalo, New York
- o 363 miles
- 83 locks
- Reduced transportation time and cost.

STEAMBOATS, ROADS, TRAVEL, AND NEWS

- Robert Fulton Clermont
- The National Road
- Lancaster Turnpike
- Newspapers

CANALS AND ROADS IN THE UNITED

STATES



o Canals and Roads in the United States

Banks, Corporations, and Finance

- Banks printed bank notes and made loans.
- A new idea, that of a corporation as a freestanding commercial venture with multiple stockholders, took hold slowly.
- Corporations become a feature of America life.

THE REALITY OF THE NEW MARKET ECONOMY

- Where once rural America had moved to a relaxed, slow pace, the whole country was now a more unified commercial enterprise in which a "busy, bustling, disputatious tone" was the norm because people needed to work and work fast.
- Money and politics more important

FROM THE ERA OF GOOD FEELINGS TO THE POLITICS OF DIVISION

- James Monroe's two terms as president from 1817 to 1825 were known as the "Era of Good Feelings."
- Lack of rancor.

THE SUPREME COURT DEFINES ITS PLACE

- Two cases, in particular, demonstrated federal power over state power
- McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
- Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)

THE POLITICS OF COTTON AND THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE OF 1820

- Slavery becomes a national issue
- Question: Should Missouri be admitted to the Union as a free state or slave state?
- Admit Missouri as a slave state and make Maine a free state
- Furthermore, no future slavery north of 36°30'N Missouri's southern border

THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE LINE



THE CONTESTED ELECTION OF 1824

- No candidate had a majority of the electoral votes
- Crawford suffered a stroke and Clay dropped out to support Adams
- Adams 13, Jackson 7, Crawford 4. Adams becomes president
- Clay later became Adams' Sec. of State, known as "Corrupt Bargain"

THE ADAMS-CLAY AGENDA

- Adams proposed a list of national improvements to be implemented by the federal government.
- American System promoted internal improvements, especially the building of roads and canals

THE JACKSON VICTORY OF 1828 AND THE REBIRTH OF POLITICAL PARTIES

- A rematch between John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson
- Jackson wins and helps to strengthen the emerging Democratic Party
- Henry Clay becomes the core of the Whig Party

JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY, JACKSONIAN GOVERNMENT

- Jackson planned a clean sweep of senior federal office holders, some of whom had served under several presidents.
- Jackson believed in what came to be called the "spoils system," which was a patronage system.

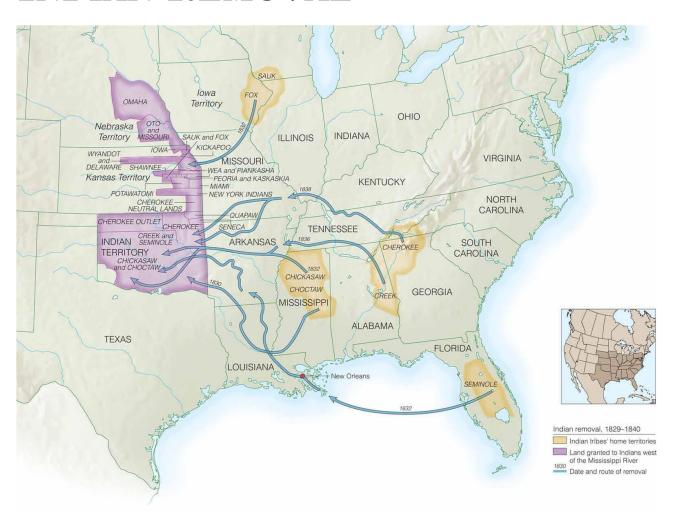
JACKSON'S PRESIDENTIAL AGENDA

- Jackson distrusted government at all levels but had unbounded trust in his own ability to govern.
- He would not defer to Congress.
- Most of all, Jackson was determined to preserve the Union.

THE INDIAN REMOVAL ACT, THE TRAIL OF TEARS, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF OKLAHOMA

- Jackson thought Indians were savages
- He wanted their removal from U.S. lands
- Indian Removal Act (1830) All Indians east of the Mississippi to be moved west
- Resulted in the "Trail of Tears"

INDIAN REMOVAL



JACKSONIAN ECONOMICS—THE WAR ON THE BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

- Jackson: "The Bank is trying to kill me, but I will kill it." Called it "a many-headed Hydra of Corruption."
- In 1832, Jackson vetoed the Bank's charter one of the most stinging vetoes ever

THE TARIFF, THE UNION, AND THE NULLIFICATION CRISIS

- 1832 South Carolina votes for nullification
- Calhoun resigns from V. P. and is appointed as senator from South Carolina
- Federal troops sent to S.C. to collect the duties
- Compromise Tariff of 1833

DEMOCRATIZED RELIGION: THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

- No popular movement was more powerful than the upsurge in religious activity that took place in Jacksonian America.
- In the early 1830s, the Second Great Awakening was in full swing.

CHARLES G. FINNEY AND NEW YORK'S "BURNED-OVER DISTRICT"

- Charles Grandison Finney, a Presbyterian minister
- 1830 Finney led the largest religious revival ever seen in Rochester, New York.
- By the late 1830s, the area where Finney preached had become known as "the burned-over district" because of the fires of religious enthusiasm there.

LYMAN BEECHER AND THE GROWTH OF VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES

- Lyman Beecher helped to launch the growth of religious volunteer societies.
- The goal was to strengthen the moral sway of Congregational-Presbyterian Protestantism against the individualism of Jacksonian Democrats, Catholics, and other Protestants who disagreed with them.

REVIVALISM AND MORAL REFORM MOVEMENTS

- The rights of women and opposition to slavery were not the only reform causes to spring from the revivalism of the Second Great Awakening.
- Treatment of prisoners, the mentally ill, temperance movements, and rescuing prostitutes were also focuses of reform.

Utopian Religious Communities

- Mother Ann Lee and the Shakers
- John Humphrey Noyes and the Oneida Community
- Robert Owen and the New Harmony Community
- Joseph Smith and the Church Of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints

TRANSCENDENTALISM

- Extreme form of Romanticism
- Centered in New England
- a spiritual state that "transcends" the physical
- Margaret Fuller, Henry David Thoreau, and Ralph Waldo Emerson

DEMOCRATIZED EDUCATION: THE BIRTH OF THE COMMON SCHOOL

- The years during which Andrew Jackson dominated American politics were also years in which the nation's public school system was radically transformed.
- Various individuals with their own agendas contributed to what came to be known as the Common School Crusade.

WOMEN BECOME TEACHERS

- Catherine Beecher argued that women were much better equipped than men to be teachers.
- In 1837, Mary Lyon founded Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in Massachusetts to give future female teachers a college education.

NEW STRUCTURES FOR SCHOOLING

- Horace Mann helped create a state Board of Education in Mass.
- Mann believed in state standards for the schools.
- Mann started "normal schools" to train teachers.
- Mann believed in moral education.

THE NATION'S TEXTBOOK: MCGUFFEY'S READER

- Began 1836, by 1920, 122 million copies had been sold
- Designed to create a literate and patriotic society
- Included ethical instruction
- Portrayed the U.S. as white, middle class, hard working, and sacrificing for the common good

MANIFEST DESTINY—THE IMPORTANCE OF AN IDEA

- John L. O'Sullivan: "Our manifest destiny is to overspread the continent"
- By 1860, some 4.3 million people had settled in the trans-Mississippi West

TRADE NETWORKS BETWEEN MEXICO, TEXAS, AND THE UNITED STATES



THE BIRTH OF THE TEXAS REPUBLIC

- Stephen F. Austin started a colony on the lower Brazos River in late 1821.
- Friction mounted as Americans demanded a state of their own.
- General Santa Anna of Mexico refused and on March 2, 1836, the Texans declared their independence.
- o Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836

CONTESTED BOUNDARIES BETWEEN TEXAS AND MEXICO



DISTANT CALIFORNIA

- o In 1769, a Franciscan priest, Father Junipero Serra, founded Spanish missions in California.
- Beginning in the 1840s, immigrants from the United States began to arrive who were more interested in making California part of the U.S.

MANIFEST DESTINY AND AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS

- "Gag rule" on issues pertaining to the abolition of slavery
- Panic of 1837 created a run on banks
- James K. Polk, a Democrat, wins the presidency running on a pro-expansion platform

54° 40′ OR FIGHT—THE UNITED STATES AND OREGON

- Word of Oregon's fertile soil, temperate climate, and magnificent forests spread eastward
- "Oregon Fever" soon spread and by 1845, some 5,000 settlers lived in Oregon's Willamette Valley.
- The Polk administration compromised along the 49th parallel in spring 1846.

WESTWARD TRAILS



THE U.S. WAR WITH MEXICO, 1846–1848

- Polk's desire for California
- o Slidell Affair Nov. 1845
- Texas and its aftermath
- Boundary of Texas & Mexico

BATTLES IN THE U.S. WAR WITH MEXICO



FIGHTING THE WAR IN TEXAS AND MEXICO, RESPONDING TO RESISTANCE

- Two days after Polk took office in 1845, Mexico broke off relations with the U.S.
- In May, Polk sends Gen. Zachary Taylor along with 4,000 troops to Corpus Christi.
- In Jan. 1846, Polk sends 1,500 troops to Brownsville, on April 24, Mexico attacks.
- Most Whigs opposed the war.

FROM NEW MEXICO TO ALTA CALIFORNIA AND THE BEAR FLAG REVOLT

- Gen. Stephen Watts Kearny raised the U.S. flag in Santa Fe.
- Bear Flag Revolt declared California to be an independent Republic
- The American conquest of California was much easier than the war along the Rio Grande in Texas.

NEGOTIATING THE PEACE, DEFINING THE BORDERS

- Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo signed February 28, 1848
- Mexico gave up all claims to Texas and ceded California and New Mexico to the U.S. - 500,000 square miles of new territory
- Gadsden Purchase (1853) a narrow strip of land in the southwest

AN EXPANDED UNION



WEST INTO THE PACIFIC

- President Polk told Congress that he was interested in acquiring California's harbors from Mexico.
- In the 1840s, American whaling ships
- o U.S. trade with Hawaii, China, and Japan

THE GOLD RUSH TO CALIFORNIA

- 1848 Gold discovered in California
- Thousands of people wanted to get rich quickly by going to California to find the gold.
- The gold camps themselves were harsh places.
- Incredible jump in California's population

WHALING IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN

- The golden age of the American whaling industry began after the War of 1812 and continued until the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.
- The owners and captains of most American whaling ships were mostly men of old New England English stock, many of them Quakers.

THE NAVY AND DIPLOMACY ACROSS THE PACIFIC

- By the mid-19th century, the United States had a large presence in Hawaii.
- 1853 Commodore Mathew Perry sent to "open up" Japan to the United States.
- U.S. ships sailed everywhere in the Pacific Ocean.

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE 1840S AND 1850S

- 1840: U.S. population is 17 million
- 1850: 23 million
- By 1850, the nation was much more ethnically diverse with many Asians (mostly Chinese), Irish, Germans, and Mexican-Americans (of mixed European and Indian ancestry).

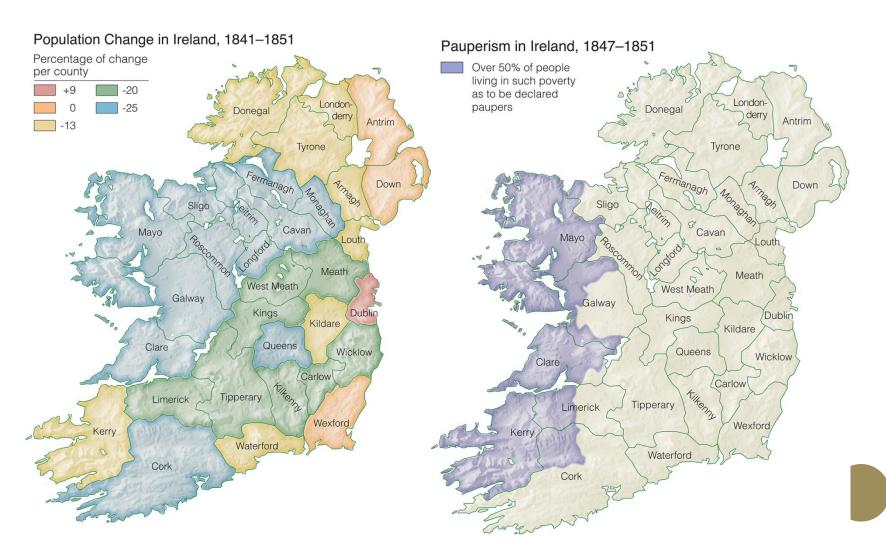
CHINESE IMMIGRATION ACROSS THE PACIFIC

- 1840s and 1850s Chinese immigrants begin to come to America
- Americans saw Chinese laborers as a key to solving a shortage of workers.
- Nearly 95 percent of Chinese immigrants to California before 1870 were male.

IRISH AND GERMAN IMMIGRATION OF THE 1840S AND 1850S

- Great Famine of 1845–1850: During the decade that followed the start of the famine, over 2 million people left Ireland
- More than 1 million Germans came to the United States in the 1840s and 1850s

DEPOPULATING IRELAND



THE MEXICAN EXPERIENCE IN THE SOUTHWEST

- The sheer numbers of those newly arrived to the United States destroyed the economic base for Mexican citizens in California
- In Texas, the Mexican, or Tejano, population was also small
- The Mexican elite in New Mexico fared better

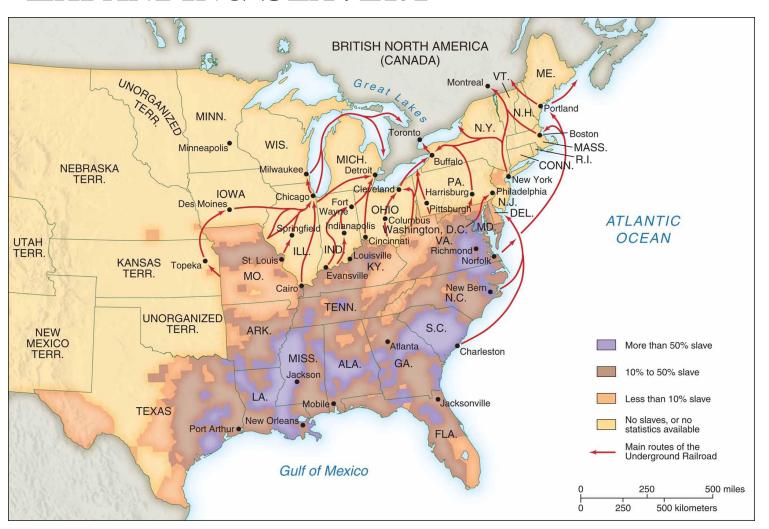
SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES, 1840S AND 1850S

- Slavery was always harsh and dehumanizing.
- After the end of the War of 1812, Southern planters experienced new economic benefits from slavery
- Many slaveholders developed a new ethical rationale for slavery.

SLAVES AND SLAVE MASTERS

- The slave population of the United States grew from 1.5 million slaves in 1820 to 4 million slaves in 1860.
- Slaves worked all day.
- On large plantations, the work life of slaves was usually controlled by an overseer.

EXPANDING SLAVERY



RESISTING SLAVERY

- Runaway slaves
- Underground Railroad
- Harriet Tubman
- Frederick Douglass
- Slave rebellions
- Nat Turner

WHITE ABOLITIONISTS

- William Lloyd Garrison
- 1831 The Liberator
- 1833 American Anti-Slavery Society
- Campaign for abolitionism

NEW STRENGTH FOR AMERICAN WOMEN

- On July 20, 1848, 68 women and 32 men signed a Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions
- Their document made history and achieved far more recognition than its authors ever imagined.

NEW IDEAS ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- Few women symbolized the strong links between feminism and abolitionism as did Sarah and Angelina Grimké, sisters from South Carolina.
- Grimke's Letters were in circulation a decade before the meeting at Seneca Falls.

THE SENECA FALLS CONVENTION SHAPES A MOVEMENT

- 1848 Seneca Falls Convention
- Organized by Lucretia Mott & Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- Reports of the Woman's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls caught the attention of other women

A GROWING WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- Women continued to lead campaigns to open other doors to women during the years after the convention at Seneca Falls.
- One of the most important issues was the right to control their own property
- Some of the most intense differences came over the issue of divorce.

FROM UNION TO DISUNION

- Wilmot Proviso
- Aug. 8, 1846 David Wilmot declares slavery should be barred from any territory gained in the Mexican-American War
- Approved by the House
- Rejected by the Senate

CALIFORNIA, THE COMPROMISE OF 1850, AND THE FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT

- California enters the Union as a free state
- New Mexico becomes a territory; set the boundary of Texas at its current location
- Utah another territory
- Fugitive Slave Act
- Abolished the slave trade in Washington, DC

ENFORCING THE FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT

- The new Fugitive Slave Act went much further than any previous law.
- It created a new corps of federal agents to help capture runaway slaves.
- Court-appointed federal commissioners would determine whether a person claimed by a slave catcher was truly a slave or actually a free person.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN

- Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Anti-slavery novel
- Tells the story of Uncle Tom, the ever-patient and kind slave, his evil owner Simon Legree, and heroic Eliza Harris, the slave mother.
- Caused outraged in the South

THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT OF 1854

- The debate over the route of a transcontinental railroad reopened the slavery issue
- Northern or Southern route?
- Stephen A. Douglas
- To get southern support, however, he had to make concessions on slavery
- Popular sovereignty

THE COMPROMISE OF 1850 AND THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT



THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS OF 1854 AND THE BIRTH OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

- Opponents of the Kansas-Nebraska Act formed a new political party - the Republican Party
- 1856 1st presidential candidate John C. Frémont

BLEEDING KANSAS AND DRED SCOTT V. SANDFORD

- "Free Soilers" vs. pro-slavery forces
- Rehearsal for civil war
- By 1856, there were two governments in the state
- o Topeka "free"
- Lecompton "pro slave"

THE SUPREME COURT AND DRED SCOTT

- o Mar. 6, 1857
- Slaves were not citizens of the U.S.
- Congress had no authority to prohibit slavery in the territories
- Missouri Compromise line unconstitutional
- The decision rocked Free Soilers

THE ECONOMY, THE PANIC OF 1857, AND THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES

- Slavery and economic factors caused the Civil War.
- The Panic of 1857 exacerbated the economic split between the regions.
- It was much more severe in the North than in the South.

THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES DEFINE THE POLITICAL PARTIES

- 1858 Senate contest in Illinois
- Aug.-Oct. 1858 7 debates focused on the issue of slavery
- Lincoln gains a national following

JOHN BROWN AT HARPER'S FERRY

- o Oct. 16, 1859 Harpers Ferry, Virginia
- Brown & 21 men (5 black men & 3 of his sons) made the supreme gesture
- Federal arsenal

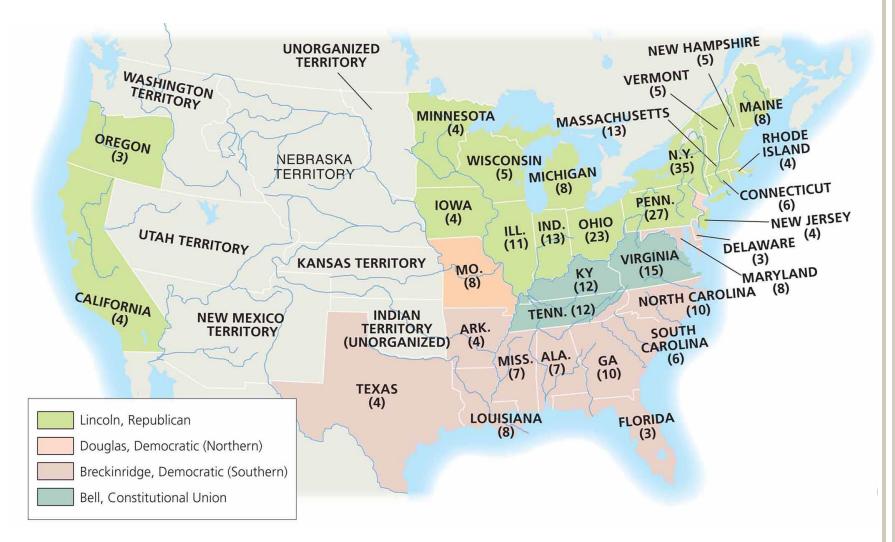
THE ELECTION OF 1860 AND THE SECESSION OF THE SOUTH

- The Republican party was still very new.
- Democrats were split over the issue of slavery.
- The Kansas situation was the death knell of the Whig party.

THE ELECTION OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

- Northern Democrats Stephen A. Douglas
- Southern Democrats John C. Breckinridge
- Constitutional Union John Bell
- Republicans Abraham Lincoln

THE ELECTION OF 1860



CREATING THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

- Before Lincoln was even inaugurated secession began
- Dec. 20, 1860 South Carolina secedes
- By Feb. 1, 1861 Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas
- Feb. 7 Confederate States of America
- Lincoln's Inauguration March 4, 1861
- o Civil War begins April 12, 1861