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Unit 5: Union in Peril & Civil War

Study Guide

**Union in Peril**

1. What were the specific pieces of the Compromise of 1850? Which piece angered Northerners the most?

2. What was the Underground Railroad? What woman is closely associated with the Underground Railroad?

3. How did Lincoln describe Harriet Beecher Stowe? What influential book did Stowe write?

4. Explain the significance of Bleeding Kansas. What were the citizens arguing about? What violence came with the events in Kansas? (Free Soilers vs. Border Ruffians)

5. How was John Brown’s raid on Harper’s Ferry viewed differently in the North and the South? Why?

6. The Kansas-Nebraska Act said that slavery would be decided through popular sovereignty. Explain what “popular sovereignty” means.

7. What was the final ruling in the Dred Scott case? How did the Dred Scott v. Sanford court case increase tensions between the North and the South?

8. How did the draft differ in the North and the South? Who was able to avoid the draft? How did some northerners react to the draft (hint: think NYC)?

9. What event immediately led to SC seceding from the Union in December 1860? (hint: who was elected…?)

10. Which political party won the election of 1860? Why?

**Civil War**

1. What was Lincoln’s goal at the beginning of the war?

2. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of the Union and the Confederacy at the beginning of the war.

3. Why was the South convinced they could win the war? (hint: cotton)

4. Describe the main components of the Union’s Anaconda Plan?

5. Similar to John Adams passing the Alien and Sedition Acts, how did President Lincoln limit civil liberties during the Civil War?

6. Where were the first shots of the Civil War fired?

7. What did people in the North realize after the first battle of Bull Run?

8. Which battle is considered the turning point of the war? Explain the significance of that battle.

9. How did the Union victory at Vicksburg contribute to the completion of the Anaconda Plan?

10. What was the Emancipation Proclamation? What areas did the Emancipation Proclamation apply to?

11. What was the purpose/message presented in Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address?

12. How did Sherman use “total war” to destroy the South?

13. Who met at Appomattox Court House? What happened there?

Be able to identify/explain the significance of the following people:

Frederick Douglass Jefferson Davis Clara Barton Stonewall Jackson

Ulysses S. Grant William Tecumseh Sherman Robert E. Lee