

CHRONOLOGY

1820	Missouri Compromise	1855	William Walker leads first filibustering expedition to Nicaragua
1828–32	Nullification Crisis	1856	Burning and looting of Lawrence, Kansas John Brown leads Pottawatomie massacre Attack on Senator Charles Sumner James Buchanan elected president
1846	Wilmot Proviso	1857	<i>Dred Scott</i> decision President Buchanan accepts proslavery Lecompton constitution in Kansas Panic of 1857
1848	Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends Mexican-American War Zachary Taylor elected president Free-Soil Party formed	1858	Congress rejects Lecompton constitution Lincoln-Douglas debates
1849	California and Utah seek admission to the Union as free states	1859	John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry
1850	Compromise of 1850 California admitted as a free state American (Know-Nothing) Party formed Zachary Taylor dies, Millard Fillmore becomes president	1860	Four parties run presidential candidates Abraham Lincoln elected president South Carolina secedes from Union
1851	North reacts to Fugitive Slave Law Harriet Beecher Stowe's <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> published	1861	Six other Deep South states secede Confederate States of America formed Lincoln takes office
1852	Franklin Pierce elected president		
1854	Ostend Manifesto Kansas-Nebraska Act Treaties with Indians in northern part of Indian Territory renegotiated Republican Party formed as Whig Party dissolves		