**Chapter 15** - A Divided Nation

Study Guide

**Know the Political Parties for each election, and know who won each election (party and person).**

* Election of 1848
  + Democrats
  + Whigs
  + Free-Soil Party
* Election of 1852
  + Democrats
  + Whigs
* Election of 1856
  + Democrats
  + Republicans
  + American
* Election of 1860
  + Democrats
  + Constitutional Union Party
  + Republicans

**People to Know:**

* Jefferson Davis
* Franklin Pierce
* Stephen Douglas
* James K. Polk
* John Brown
* Abraham Lincoln
* Henry Clay
* Preston Brooks
* Dred Scott
* Harriet Beecher Stowe

**Things to Know:**

* Confederate States of America
* Sack of Lawrence
* California
* Freeport Doctrine
* Popular Sovereignty
* Railroad
* Pottawatomi Massacre
* Compromise of 1850
* Secede
* Kansas-Nebraska Act
* Sectionalism
* Fugitive Slave Act
* Missouri Compromise
* Wilmot Proviso

**Things to Explain:**

* Be able to list the three decisions the Supreme Court had to make in the Dred Scott case.
* Be able to list and explain the three major events that led to Kansas being nicknamed “Bleeding Kansas”.
* Be able to explain why California wanting to enter the Union as a free state ignited the issue of slavery between the north and the south.
  + Also, be able to tell how this issue was solved
* Be able to explain how Stephen Douglas was involved in restarting the issue of slavery between the north and the south.
  + Also, be able to tell the other political roles he had during this time
* Be able to describe the political climate in 1860 that allowed Abraham Lincoln to win the presidency.
  + In other words, he lost the race for the U.S. Senate twice ~ then won the presidency. How? What changed?