

Compromises of the Civil War

Compromises on the Slavery issue before the Civil War

- Missouri Compromise
- Problem-Missouri wanted to be admitted as slave state. Would upset balance. Should slavery expand?
- Solution-Missouri Slave, Maine free. Border between slave and free created
- Did it work?- workable approach till 1850's when declared unconstitutional

Compromise of 1850

Problem-CA wants to become a state.
How to handle the issue of slavery in the new territory from Mexico?

- Solution-CA free state, popular sovereignty, Fugitive Slave Act
- Did it work- postponed for 10 yrs, FSA causes increased abolitionism

Kansas-Nebraska Act

- Problem-org. KA & NE for Railroad, become slave or free?
- Solution-Void MO compromise. KA free & NE slave
- Did it work?-"Bleeding Kansas" = mini civil war

Dred Scott Case

- Problem: Scott (slave) sues for freedom (lived in a free state)
- Solution: Black not citizens, MO compromise unconstitutional
- Did it work?: Nope, creates further tension between N & S. 5 of 6 judges from slave states (slaveocracy)

Lecompton Constitution

- Problem: Pro-slavery groups try to push through constitution that would legalize slavery in KA
- Solution: referendum (popular vote on constitution)
- Did it work?: nope, KA rejected constitution and delayed statehood for 2 yrs.

Crittenden's Compromise

- Problem: South threatening to secede
- Solution: South get compensation (\$\$) for runaways, Amendment to protect slavery, extend MO compromise line
- Did it work? Nope, goes against majority. Country to broken to fix