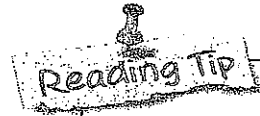




# Guided Reading Activity

## Toward Civil War

### A Nation Dividing



Always find the main idea of the passage you are reading. Look for a specific idea and write it down. Do details in the passage support what you think is the main idea?

**Filling in the Blanks DIRECTIONS:** Use your textbook to fill in the blanks using the words in the box. Some words may not be used.

Free	Missouri Compromise	Lawrence
John Brown	Fugitive Slave Act	Nebraska
Kansas	Iowa	Charles Sumner
Preston Brooks	civil war	slave
Missouri Compromise	popular sovereignty	Underground Railroad

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ required citizens to help catch enslaved people who ran away.

Many Northerners refused to cooperate and helped runaways through the

(2) \_\_\_\_\_.

Senator Stephen A. Douglas created a plan to organize the territories of

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ and (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Because they were likely to become

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ states, Douglas proposed that the settlers in each territory should vote on the slavery issue. He called this (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Douglas's plan would have effectively repealed the (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

Pro-slavery and antislavery groups rushed into Kansas, including armed groups of Missourians known as (8) \_\_\_\_\_. In 1856 slavery supporters attacked the town of (9) \_\_\_\_\_. In retaliation, the abolitionist (10) \_\_\_\_\_ led a group in killing five slavery supporters. The violence in Kansas was seen by many people as a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ because it involved citizens of the same country. Physical conflict even occurred in Congress when Senator (12) \_\_\_\_\_ was struck unconscious with a cane.

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