A Nation Dividing

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.

John Brown  Preston Brooks  Missouri Compromise  Kansas  Iowa  slave  Charles Sumner  popular sovereignty  slave  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 Douglas's plan would have effectively repealed the (7) _________________.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.