

guided reading The Divisive Politics of Slavery

A. The time line below reviews important events related to the issue of slavery. As you read about the political effects of this issue, take notes summarizing the terms of the Compromise of 1850 and the part played by several key players in developing it.

The Three-Fifths Compromise attempts to settle issues of slavery and representation in the 1787 Northwest Ordinance. Congress bans slavery in territories north of the Ohio River. The Missouri Compromise attempts to balance the power of North and South by admitting 1820 Maine as a free state and Missouri as a slave state. Texas is admitted to the Union as a slave state. 1845 The war with Mexico comes to an end, and Americans ask themselves whether territories 1848 won in the war should be open to slavery. California's application for statehood forces the nation to deal with the issue of the 1849 expansion of slavery. 1850 Compromise of 1850.

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2. The role played by the following figures in the Compromise
Henry Clay
John C. Calhoun
Daniel Webster
Stephen Douglas