

Chapter Five Study Questions

- 1) How did the views of the Democrats and Whigs differ during the election of 1844?
- 2) What were James K. Polk's four goals?
- 3) Why was there controversy about Texas becoming a state, and how did that connect to Polk trying to get the Oregon Country?
- 4) What happened as a result of the Oregon Treaty?
- 5) How did Polk lead America into the Mexican-American War?
- 6) How does the defeat of the Wilmot Proviso connect to the idea of sectionalism and slave power?
- 7) How do the words "conscience" and "cotton" connect to the downfall of the Whigs?
- 8) What happened as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?
- 9) What is popular sovereignty, and why did the Southerners want it?
- 10) What happened as a result of the Compromise of 1850?
- 11) Describe *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- 12) What happened as a result of the Kansas-Nebraska Act?
- 13) What groups made up the early Republican Party?
- 14) What did the Know-Nothings believe in?
- 15) What was Bleeding Kansas?
- 16) Why was Franklin Pierce called a doughface?
- 17) What happened during the Brooks-Sumner caning?
- 18) Why was James Buchanan elected?
- 19) What happened during the *Dred Scott v. Sandford* case?
- 20) What happened during the Lincoln-Douglas debates?
- 21) What was the result of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry?
- 22) Why did Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860 make the South want to secede?
- 23) What was the first state to secede? What did the seceded states call themselves?
- 24) When was the battle of Fort Sumter?
- 25) What did the Northerners and Southerners claim the Civil War was about, if not slavery?
- 26) How did Jefferson Davis run the Southern government?
- 27) What is *habeas corpus*, and how did Davis and Lincoln handle it?
- 28) What happened as a result of Southern conscription?
- 29) How did war effect the North's economy?
- 30) How did war effect Northern unions?
- 31) How did Lincoln's views on emancipation differ from the Radical Republicans'?
- 32) What were the confiscation acts?
- 33) How were Britain and France involved in the Civil War?
- 34) What was the effect of the Emancipation Proclamation?
- 35) What was the 13th Amendment?
- 36) What happened at the Hampton Roads Conference?
- 37) Who were the Copperheads?
- 38) What was the Freedman's Bureau?
- 39) Who killed Lincoln?
- 40) How many people died in the Civil War? How many fought?
- 41) What's the scorched earth policy?

- 42) What did Reconstruction begin and end?
- 43) What was the 10 percent plan?
- 44) What was the Wade-Davis Bill?
- 45) What's a pocket veto?
- 46) What was Johnson's Reconstruction Plan?
- 47) Why did Johnson's plan fail?
- 48) What was Special Field Order #15?
- 49) What was Congressional Reconstruction, and how does it connect to the 14th Amendment (what did the 14th say)?
- 50) What was Johnson's Swing Around the Circle Speaking Tour?
- 51) What was the Military Reconstruction Act of 1867?
- 52) Why did the House Judiciary Committee impeach Johnson?
- 53) What was the 15th Amendment?
- 54) What are some reasons for Reconstruction's failings?
- 55) Who were carpetbaggers and scalawags?
- 56) Why was the post-Civil War period called the Gilded Age?
- 57) Name some of the scandals associated with Grant's administration.
- 58) Describe the KKK and White League. Why weren't members of these groups found guilty in court of terrorist activities?
- 59) Describe the Slaughter-House cases, US v. Cruikshank, and US v. Reese's effects on the 14th/15th amendments.
- 60) What was the Amnesty Act of 1872?
- 61) Who were the Redeemers?
- 62) Describe the Compromise of 1877.
- 63) What was the system of sharecropping?