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The Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854: Web Activity

You will be using the following website:

<http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/neh/interactives/sectionalism/lesson3/>

When you get to the map, click on the red "Start" button on the right.

Questions:

- 1) How many free states were added to the union between 1820 and 1854?
- 2) How many slave states were added to the union between 1820 and 1854?
- 3) What new territories were opened to slavery by the Kansas-Nebraska Act?
- 4) By 1854, did free states and territories or slave states and territories have the most land area? Make a rough estimate by looking at the map.
- 5) In general, which were more densely populated, the free states or the slave states?
- 6) In general, which had a higher black population, the free or slave states?
- 7) In which southern states did the black population outnumber the white population?
- 8) Considering the geographic and demographic information gathered in questions 1-7, explain how the Kansas Nebraska Act could be considered a cause, or precursor, to the Civil War.

Now go to the following website: <http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/neh/interactives/sectionalism/lesson1/>

- 1) What territory was closed to slavery under the Missouri Compromise of 1820?
- 2) How did the Kansas Nebraska Act of 1854 change those boundaries?
- 3) What are the political implications of this change?

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Bleeding Kansas Web Activity

Go to the following website: <http://www.kshs.org/exhibits/territorial/territorial1.htm>
Scroll down and click on "Flashpoint" to get started.

1) Why did the Kansas-Nebraska Act "open old wounds"? Define *popular sovereignty*.

2) Click on each of the people at the bottom. Why did each move to the Kansas territory?
abolitionist:

African American

Free-stater

Native Americans

Pro-slavery

3) Click on "Next" to get to the next page. What voting fraud occurred in Kansas elections?

4) Why was Bleeding Kansas a major issue in the 1856 presidential campaign?

5) Click on "Next" to get to the next page. How "bloody" was Bleeding Kansas?

6) What were pro-slavery activities fighting for? What were the "free-staters" fighting for?

7) What were "border ruffians" and "jayhawkers"?

8) What did John Brown do at the *Pottawatomie Massacre*?

9) Click on "Next" to get to the next page. What kinds of people migrated to the Kansas territory in the 1850s?

10) What happened to native Indian tribes as white settlers moved in the Kansas territory?