

EVENTS LEADING TO THE CIVIL WAR UNITED STATES HISTORY

- 1787 * 3/5ths Compromise
- 1793 Invention of the Cotton Gin
- 1808 Slave trade outlawed by Congress
- 1817 American Colonization Society founded
- 1820 * Missouri Compromise
- 1822 Republic of Liberia established
Denmark Vesey's rebellion is betrayed
- 1828 "Tariff of Abominations"
- 1829 David Walker's *Appeal* published
- 1831 William Lloyd Garrison starts the *Liberator*
* Nat Turner's rebellion in Virginia
- 1832 Virginia narrowly defeated a proposal for gradual emancipation
- 1832-33 Nullification Crisis
- 1833 American Anti-Slavery Association founded
- 1836 gag resolution passed
- 1837 Panic of 1837; cotton prices decrease
- 1839 *Amistad* incident
- 1840 Liberty party formed
- 1841 *Creole* incident
- 1845 USA annexes Texas
- 1846 Wilmot Proviso passes the House of Representatives
- 1846-48 Mexican War
- 1848 Free-Soil party organized
- 1849 California Gold Rush
- 1849-1860 Period of high cotton prices
- 1850 * Compromise of 1850 (including the Fugitive Slave Law)
- 1852 Publication of Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
- 1854 * Kansas-Nebraska Act
Republican Party organized
Know-Nothing Party organized
- 1856 Senator Sumner beaten by Congressman Brooks
John Brown's Osawatimie massacre
- 1856-60 Civil war in "bleeding Kansas"
- 1857 * Dred Scott Decision (*Scott v. Sanford*)
Lecompton Constitution rejected
Panic of 1857; cotton prices are not affected
Hinton Helper publishes *The Impending Crisis of the South*
- 1858 Lincoln-Douglas Debates
- 1859 John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry
- 1860 * Lincoln is elected President
South Carolina secedes
Crittenden Compromise fails
- 1861 Confederate States of America formed