

## - Compromises and War | SOL USI. 9b

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### ***Issues that divided the nation:***

- An important issue separating the country related to the power of the **Federal** government.  
**Southerners** believed that they had the power to declare any national law **illegal**. Northerners believed that the national government's power was **supreme** over that of the states.
- Southerners felt that the **abolition** of slavery would destroy their region's **economy**. Northerners believed slavery should be abolished for **moral** reasons.

### ***Compromises attempting to resolve differences:***

- Missouri Compromise (1820): **Missouri** entered the Union as a **slave** state  
**Main** entered the Union as a free state.
- Compromise of 1850: **California** entered the Union as a free state.  
**Southwest** territories would decide about slavery.
- Kansas-Nebraska Act: People in each **state** would decide the slavery issue (popular sovereignty).

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***Southern secession:***

Following Lincoln's election, the southern states seceded from the Union. Confederate forces attacked Fort Sumter, in South Carolina, marking the beginning of the Civil War.

Lincoln and many Northerners believed that the United States was one nation that could not be separated or divided. Most Southerners believed that states had freely created and joined the union and could freely leave it.

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