A Dividing Nation: 1850-1857

**Answer:** Can you think of an event that put the nation on high alert? Write down what you know about that event and why it threatened the nation:

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1. **COMPROMISE OF 1850 (1850)**
   What were the five terms of the Compromise of 1850?

   (1) 

   (2) 

   (3) 

   (4) 

   (5) 

2. **FUGITIVE SLAVE ACT (1850)**
   What did the Fugitive slave law require? Why would Northerners be outraged by this law?

   What is the broadside communicating (*its intended audience and its message*)?

3. **UNCLE TOM’S CABIN (1852)**
   Who was the author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, and what was the book’s political impact?

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*At this point, what would you say is the national threat level (1-10)? Explain your answer:*
4. KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT (1854)
What did the Kansas-Nebraska Act propose to do with the land west of Missouri?

Why were Northerners and antislavery supporters outraged by the Kansas-Nebraska Act?

Why did people rush into Kansas (what were they doing there)?

5. BLEEDING KANSAS (1854-1861)
What caused “Bleeding Kansas”?

What happened during “Bleeding Kansas”?

At this point, what would you say is the national threat level (1-10)? Explain your answer:

6. VIOLENCE IN CONGRESS (1856)
What caused the violence in Congress?

What happened during the attack?

7. DRED SCOTT CASE (1857)
How many justices were from the North? How many were from the South?

What was the case about? What was Scott trying to do?

What did the court decide? What was the court’s constitutional reasoning?