Status of Slavery in the Territories, 1850-1854

After the Compromise of 1850

- Slave states
- Free states and territories
- Slavery decision left to popular vote
- Kansas-Nebraska Act, 1854
- Compromise of 1854
- Violence erupts over slavery issues

After the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854

- Bleeding Kansas, 1856
- Proslavery Missourians pillage and burn buildings in free-soil town of Lawrence (May 21, 1856).
- John Brown and his abolitionist followers kill five proslavery immigrants settled along Pottawatomie Creek (May 24, 1856).

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