Chapter 16 Study Guide

1. Define Kansas-Nebraska Act.

2. Define Wilmot Proviso.

3. Define Compromise of 1850.

4. What political party was formed in 1848 for the purpose of banning slavery in western territories?

5. What compromise did Henry Clay propose for admitting Missouri to the Union?

6. Summarize the effects of the Missouri Compromise.

7. Name an example of popular sovereignty.

8. What led to violence in Kansas in 1855?

9. What effect did Uncle Tom’s Cabin have on public opinion?

10. What led to the forming of the Republican party in the 1850s?

11. How did the ruling on the Dred Scott case affect the slavery debate?

12. What effect did Abraham Lincoln’s election in 1860 have on the national unity?

13. Summarize the outcome of the presidential election of 1860.

14. How did the Civil War begin?

15. After many debates and divisions, the issue of slavery eventually led the United States to civil war. Support the following statement with three examples and details from the text: A series of compromises delayed the Civil War for 40 years.

16. Explain how the election of 1860 was the final blow that initiated the start of the Civil War. Provide examples from the text.