US History: Causes of the Civil War

**The Civil War was a war for freedom. The cause of the war was slavery, which is the opposite of freedom. Though many political, economic, and social reasons for war can be cited, they all stem from the institution of slavery.**

Use your textbook and/or the Road to Secession PowerPoint under Unit 4 to complete the following.

**Political pushes:**

Missouri Compromise

* 1. Why was it drafted?
  2. What did it say?
  3. What was the consequence?

Compromise of 1850

* 1. What were the terms?
  2. Why was it controversial?
  3. What was the consequence?

Kansas-Nebraska Act

* 1. Why was it drafted?
  2. What did it say?
  3. What were the consequences?

*Dred Scott v. Sanford* (1858)

* 1. Who was Dred Scott?
  2. What did he want?
  3. What was the court’s ruling?

Lincoln/Douglass Debates (1856)

* 1. What was the election?
  2. What position did each take on slavery?
     1. Douglass –
     2. Lincoln -

Harper’s Ferry, VA (now WV)

* 1. Who was John Brown?
  2. What did he do?
  3. How did this change the thoughts of Northerners?

Presidential Election of 1860

* 1. Who ran?
  2. Who won?
  3. What was the consequence?

**Economic pushes:**

Tariff of Abominations

* 1. What did it do?
  2. What was the consequence?

**Social pushes:**

Abolitionist Movement

* 1. How was it viewed in the North?
  2. How was it viewed in the South?

*Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

* 1. What was it about?
  2. Why did it upset Southerners?
  3. Why did it rile Northerners?