

Study Questions

1. What were the elements of the Compromise of 1850? Why did the Compromise fail?
2. What was the Wilmot Proviso and why was it important?
3. Use Sundquist's five variables that affect realignment to analyze the realignment of the 1850s. What kind of realignment was the 1850s?
4. Use Sundquist's five variables that affect realignment to analyze the realignment of the 1890s. What kind of realignment was the 1890s?
5. Use Sundquist's five variables that affect realignment to analyze the realignment of the 1930s. What kind of realignment was the 1930s?
6. Who were the winners and losers from the deflation that occurred between 1866 and 1896?
7. What is the significance of the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854? Who was its sponsor and why did he think the Act was such a good idea?
8. According to Gordon, *after the Stock Market Crash*, what were the key policy mistakes by the Federal Reserve System and Congress and the President that touched off the Great Depression.
9. What is the significance of the *Dred Scott* decision by the Supreme Court in 1857?
10. What, according to Hofstadter, was Martin Van Buren's central contribution to the development of Political Parties?