

Use the graphic organizer to identify congressional compromises and the disagreements and problems they were intended to address in the mid-1800s.

Problem**Solution**

The Tariff of 1828 positively impacted the North, but negatively impacted the South. Prices for southern goods went up 100% in some cases.

Tariff Compromise of 1833

The Tariff would be repealed (gotten rid of) in 1840. This helped both northerners and southerners reach a compromise.

Slavery became a big discussion. Four groups:

1. Abolitionists
2. Free Soilers
3. Popular Sovereignty People
4. Fire-eaters

"Gag Rule"

A set of rules in the House of Representatives that were designed to stop any discussion of abolishing slavery in Washington D.C.

Many parts of the Louisiana Purchase were forming states. The U.S. had a strong desire to keep the balance between slave states and free states.

Missouri Compromise

1820 Compromise to decide status of Missouri (slave state) and Maine (free state.) All future states would be slave if below 36°30' (Missouri's southern boarder); free if above

Problem

California was not asking for statehood. The Missouri Compromise was made only for Louisiana Purchase states. The new argument centered around California entering the Union as a free state or slave state.

Many American migrants and developers were eager to settle land in the middle of the country very quickly. In order to create the two territories (Kansas/Nebraska), these settlers felt they should have a choice: free territory or slave territory.

New land gained from the Mexican-American War came into question: should these states be slave states or free states?

Solution

Compromise of 1850

→ part compromise on slavery issues

1. California = free state
2. New Mexico/Utah can vote to be slave or free.
3. Stricter fugitive slave laws

4. Make slavery illegal in Washington D.C.

Kansas-Nebraska Act

Proposed by Sen. Stephen A. Douglas, this violated the Missouri Compromise by allowing citizens of these territories to vote: slave or free.

Wilmot Proviso (in class video)

Proposed law to not allow any of these new territories/states to be slave states.