Events and Trends Leading to Civil War: Perceptions and Realities

Reminders:

- Slave states = 2 PRO slavery votes in the Senate to protect slavery
- Democrat and Whig Parties both contained PRO and ANTI slavery advocates (They were both national parties, not sectional ones.)

Symbols:

- > = push by ANTI-Slavery; < = push by PRO-Slavery (with the colors for what became the Blue and the Gray forces of the Civil War, but in the beginning these were not sections and not parties, but only factions)
- F with either > or < = Future possibilities for the faction
- P with either > or < = Perceived threat by the section as a whole rather than from the faction

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-	-	1832	-	Election: Andrew Jackson, Democrat
	<	1836- 05	Texas Independence	
-	-	1836	-	Election: Martin Van Buren, Democrat

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?	?	1840s	"Manifest destiny"	What is it?
				Where are the targets:
-	-	1840	-	Election: William Henry Harrison, Whig, dies; John Tyler
>	<	1844- 12	-	Election: James K. Polk, Democrat
	<	1845- 02 28	Texas, a state	Tyler as lame duck
-	-	1845- <i>03 04</i>	-	Polk inaugural

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-	-	1846- 05	Mexican War starts	
-	-	1846- 06	Oregon dispute resolved	
>		1846- 08	Wilmot Proviso	
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-		1848- 12	-	Election: Zachary Taylor, Whig died; Millard Fillmore
		1849	California	
		1850- 02 to 09	Compromise of 1850	Major player: Legislation in this package:
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P>		1852	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Author?
				Why matter?
-	-	1852- 12	-	Election: Franklin Pierce, Democrat
	< F	1853	Gadsden Purchase	US paid: \$10M. US gets:
	<p< td=""><td>1854- 01 – 05</td><td>Kansas- Nebraska Act</td><td>Major player:</td></p<>	1854- 01 – 05	Kansas- Nebraska Act	Major player:
				Why? Legislation:

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		1854- 01	Revolt of factions starts	Northern Democrats
			Revolt results	Players:
				Foundation of Republican Party =
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>		1854- 04	Funding Free Soilers to Kansas	What's the New England Emigrant Aid Co.?
	<	1854- 10	Ostend Manifesto	

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	<	1855- 1856	"Bleeding Kansas"	 What are the unintended consequences of the principle of popular sovereignty? Multiple attacks from both directions: Northerners and Southerners into Kansas 1st weak and 2nd PRO Slavery territorial governor PRO Slavery legislature - fraud/violence by about 5K Missourians ANTI Slavery center at Lawrence, Kansas; counter constitution PRO Slavery attack on Lawrence—burned hotel, attacked homes, burned newspapers ANTI Slavery attack by John Brown's group—killed 5 PRO Slavery people, mutilated bodies displayed
>		1856	Events in Senate chamber	

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-	-	1856- 12		Election: James Buchanan , Democrat
	<	1857- 03	Dred Scott case	Ruling by Supreme Court (Roger Taney Court):
	<	1857- 10 - 12	Fraud in another Kansas election	What does Douglas do? (Kansas not admitted until 1861, after secession)
		1858	7 Lincoln- Douglas debates	Senate contest in Illinois: Abraham Lincoln
				Stephen Douglas

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P>		1859	Raid at Harpers Ferry, VA	Who? Why?
P>		1860- 12	Election	Election: Abraham Lincoln , Republican
	<	1860- 11 12	Secession crisis	Secession - South Carolina 1 st
	<	1861- 02	Another election	Who is elected?
				What's their Constitution?
				+6 more secede

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	<	1861- 04	Fort Sumter	What happened?
				Where?
				How does it appear?
				Post Fort Sumter: 11 total (VA, AR, TN, NC) Western Virginia—Refused to secede; was separate state in 1863.

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