

HIST 405N Week 4 Discussion 1: Stepping Stones to the Civil War

The Compromise of 1850, The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 and the Lincoln Douglas Debates of 1858.

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 12, 14
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook)

Initial Post Instructions

For the initial post, pick three (3) of the leading causes of the American Civil War:

- **The Compromise of 1850**
- **The Fugitive Slave Law 1850**
- Uncle Tom's Cabin 1852
- The Kansas Nebraska Act 1854
- The Dred Scott Case of 1857
- **The Lincoln Douglas Debates 1858**

Then, address one (1) of the following for your selections:

- Based on the historical facts given in this module, assess if the American Civil War was inevitable.
- Analyze if the United States Supreme Court can settle legal and moral issues through judiciary review. In your response, provide a documented example of a modern parallel of a legal or moral issue settled by the United States Supreme Court.

Follow-Up Posts

Compare your selections and analysis of selections with those of your peers. If they chose different events, examine how yours are similar and/or different. If they chose the same events, build on their posts by providing additional information about the events that you have not already noted in your own post.

Writing Requirements

Minimum of 3 posts (1 initial & 2 follow-up)

APA format for in-text citations and list of references

Good Evening Professor and Classmates,

This week I have chosen to discuss: The Compromise of 1850, The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 and the Lincoln Douglas Debates of 1858. I do believe that these events had major incorporations to the American Civil War. They all had to do with the issue of slavery in the United States and where it should be allowed and whether it should be continued or abolished.