**Chapter #19:** **Drifting Toward Disunion – Big Picture Themes Name:**

*1. Uncle Tom’s Cabin drove a wedge between the Northerner and Southerner. The South cried foul saying it gave a view of slavery that was too harsh and unrealistic, but it cemented each section’s feelings on the issue.*

*2. Kansas became the battleground over slavery. Since slavery there was to be decided by popular vote, each side passionately fought for their position. Bloodshed resulted.*

*3. The Supreme Court’s Dred Scott decision was huge. It said that Congress or a legislature cannot outlaw slavery in the territories. Effectively then, all new lands were possible slave lands.*

*4. A financial panic in 1857 added to the chaos and uncertainty.*

*5. Abe Lincoln arrived on the scene. Although he lost to Stephen Douglas for Illinois Senate, he made a name for himself there.*

*6. In 1860, Abe Lincoln won a very sectional race for president over 3 other candidates. The South had promised to leave the union if Abe won. He won, and the South indeed seceded.*

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**GUIDED READING QUESTIONS:**

**Stowe and Helper: Literary Incendiaries**

**Know: Harriet Beecher Stowe, Hinton Helper**

**1. Which book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* or *The Impending Crisis of the South* was more important? Explain.**

**The North-South Contest for Kansas**

**Know: Beecher's Bibles, Border Ruffians**

**2. What went wrong with popular sovereignty in Kansas?**

**Kansas in Convulsion**

**Know: John Brown, Pottawatomie Creek, Lecompton Constitution**

**3. What was the effect of "Bleeding Kansas" on the Democratic Party?**

**"Bully" Brooks and His Bludgeon**

**Know: Charles Sumner, Preston Brooks**

**5. What was the consequence of Brook's beating of Sumner in the North? The South?**

**"Old Buck" versus "The Pathfinder"**

**Know: James Buchanan, John C. Fremont, The American Party**

**6. Assess the candidates in the 1856 election.**

**The Electoral Fruits of 1856**

**7. Interpret the results of the election of 1856.**

**The Dred Scott Bombshell**

**Know: Dred Scott, Roger B. Taney**

**8. Why was the Dred Scott decision so divisive?**

**The Financial Crash of 1857**

**8. How did the Panic of 1857 make Civil War more likely?**

**An Illinois Rail-Splitter Emerges**

**10. Describe Abraham Lincoln's background.**

**The Great Debate: Lincoln versus Douglas**

**Know: Freeport Doctrine**

**11. What long term results occurred because of the Lincoln-Douglas debates?**

**John Brown: Murderer or Martyr**

**Know: Harper's Ferry, Robert E. Lee**

**12. Why were the actions of one (crazy?) man so important in the growing conflict between North and South?**

**The Disruption of the Democrats**

**Know: John C. Breckenridge, John Bell**

**13. What happened when the Democratic Party attempted to choose a candidate for the presidency in 1860?**

**A Rail-Splitter Splits the Union**

**14. Why was Lincoln chosen as the Republican candidate instead of Seward?**

**The Electoral Upheaval of 1860**

**15. Did the South have any power in the national government after Lincoln’s election, or were they helpless?**

**The Secessionist Exodus**

**Know: Secession, Jefferson Davis**

**16. What did President Buchanan do when the South seceded? Why?**

**The Collapse of Compromise**

**17. What was the Crittendon Compromise and why did it fail?**

**Farewell to Union**

**18. What advantages did southerners see in secession? Who did they compare themselves to?**