

# The Debate Over Slavery

## Chapter 14, Section 1

As you read Pgs 438-443, answer the following questions. Use the back side if you need more space to write.

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1. What was the Wilmot Proviso?
2. How did the Wilmot Proviso differ from popular sovereignty?

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3. Define sectionalism.
4. Did California want to enter the Union as free or slave state? Why?
5. Why did southerners not want to upset the balance of power by letting California enter the Union as a free state?

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6. What were the five key points of Henry Clay's Compromise of 1850?

7. In their response to the Compromise of 1850, what views did senators Seward, Calhoun, and Webster represent?

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8. What was the purpose of the Fugitive Slave Act?
9. How was the Fugitive Slave Act biased in favor of slaveholders?

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10. Why do you think that of 343 fugitive slave cases, fugitive slaves were declared free only 11 times?

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11. What important anti-slavery novel was published in 1852, and who was its author?
12. What effect did Uncle Tom's Cabin have?