American Pageant 16th edition Vocabulary Words and Definitions *You are responsible for all terms in your readings and assignments as well as the terms below.*

Chapter 19: "Drifting Toward Disunion"

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Dred Scott v. Stanford	Supreme Court decision that extended federal protection to slavery by ruling that Congress did not have the power to prohibit slavery in any territory. Also declared that slaves, as property, were not citizens of the United States.
Bleeding Kansas	Civil war in Kansas over the issue of slavery in the territory, fought intermittently until 1861, when it merged with the wider national Civil War.
Confederate States of America	Government established after seven Southern states seceded from the Union. Later joined by four more states from the Upper South.
Constitutional Union Party	Formed by moderate Whigs and Know-Nothings in an effort to elect a compromise candidate and avert a sectional crisis
Crittenden amendments	Proposed in an attempt to appease the South, the failed Constitutional amendments would have given
	sovereignty.
Freeport Doctrine	Declared that since slavery could not exist without laws to protect it, territorial legislatures, not the Supreme Court, would have the final say on the slavery question. First argued by Stephen Douglass in
Freeport Question	Raised during one of the Lincoln-Douglas debates by Abraham Lincoln, who asked whether the Court or the people should decide the future of slavery in the territories.
Harpers Ferry	Federal arsenal in Virginia seized by abolitionist John Brown in 1859. Though Brown was later captured
Lecompton Constitution	Proposed Kansas constitution, whose ratification was unfairly rigged so as to guarantee slavery in the territory. Initially ratified by proslavery forces, it was later voted down when Congress required that the entire constitution be put up for a vote.
Lincoln- Douglas debates	Series of debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglass during the U.S. Senate race in Illinois. Douglass won the election but Lincoln gained national prominence and emerged as the leading candidate for the 1860 Republican nomination