Name _____, Per. _____

Countdown to Civil War

1. **Read The Main Problem:**

The main problem causing tension between the sections of the United States was slavery. This became more apparent in the 1800s as America gained territory in the west. The North and the South engaged in bitter debates about the expansion of slavery into the new territories, and a series of compromises failed to solve the issue. Eventually, arguments about the power of the federal government to control the movement of slaves and a state's rights to dictate its own policy about slavery led to more tension. Slavery was a constant weight undermining America's growth, and soon tore the nation apart.	Explain 2 reasons why slavery caused tension in the United States in the 1800s: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

United States in 1860
Free States, Slave States, and Territories

2. **Rank the Events 1 to 9. 1 is the most important event leading to Civil War, 9 the least important.**
3. **Use WB, p._____**

Uncle Tom's Cabin	
Compromise of 1850	
Kansas-Nebraska Act	
Bleeding Kansas	
Violence in the Senate	
The Dred Scott Decision	
John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry	
Start of the Republican Party	
The Election of 1860 (Lincoln)	

4. <u>Choose the top 4 events. Assign 1 event to each person</u> in the group. Fill in the chart about your assigned event with complete sentences.

Name_____

Event: _____, Date of Event _____

Explain the Event:

_____ was a main event leading to the Civil War.

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Why did this event cause tension between the North and the South, helping lead to the Civil War?

_____ caused tension between the North and

South. _____

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<u>Create a Poster</u>
Choose from titles to help you create a poster showing the top 4 events leading to Civil War, or you can modify or think of your own title/poster idea.

<u>Posters must have</u>
➢ All names in the upper left-hand corner, per. #
➢ A title and a shape for the poster with graphics/illustrations
➢ 4 events leading to the Civil War ranked on the poster
➢ An explanation of each event and why it was important in leading to Civil War.
➢ Poster Title Samples:
   o High Noon: Civil War!
   o Temperature Rising: Civil War!
   o Explosion: Civil War!