**Chapter 19 Focus Question**

The Civil War has been referred to as “the irrepressible conflict.” To what extent is this characterization true? Confine your use of factual support to the period 1848 to 1861.

**Chapter 19 Objective Questions**

1. nWhat was the main point of Stowe’s Uncle Tom’s Cabin and how influential was the book in the North, the South, and in Europe?
2. Who wrote The Impending Crisis of the South and what was the main point of that book?
3. What was “Bleeding Kansas” and cite examples of violence perpetrated by both sides in the controversy? (Be sure to name individuals and sites where blood was shed.)
4. What was the Lecompton Constitution, how did it propose to settle slavery issue and how did Democrats, Buchanan, and Douglas view the document?
5. Besides the violence in Kansas, what other act of violence occurred in 1856 (in Washington, D.C.) that destroyed Douglas’s hope that popular sovereignty would lead to a peaceful resolution of the slavery issue in the western territories?
6. How did the reaction of the northern public to the caning of Charles Sumner differ from the reaction of the people in the South to the act of Preston Brooks?
7. Why was Buchanan and not Douglas the Democratic party’s presidential nominee in 1856?
8. What was the Know Nothing Party and what was its major platform plank?
9. Why did the Republican Party lose the election of 1856?
10. What were the facts, issues, and ruling in the case of Dred Scott v. Sanford (1857)?
11. What effect did the ruling in Dred Scott have on the ability of Congress to legislate a solution to the issue of slavery in the territories and which group, the abolitionists or the fire-eaters was pleased with the outcome?
12. Which Americans were most negatively affected by the Panic of 1857 and how did that fact affect the South’s confidence in the strength of its economy?
13. What office was sought by Lincoln and Douglas as they debated in 1858 Senate and what was the Freeport Doctrine?
14. How did the Freeport Doctrine affect the outcome of the 1858 Senate race and what impact did it have on Lincoln’s and Douglas’s prospects for becoming president?
15. What was John Brown trying to accomplish during his raid on Harper’s ferry in 1859?
16. How did the trial and execution of John Brown affect public opinion in the North and in the South?
17. What ultimately helped secure the nomination as the Republican Party’s presidential candidate for Abraham Lincoln over William H. Seward in 1860?
18. List the four parties, their presidential, and each party’s position on the slavery issue in the 1860 presidential campaign.
19. Did Lincoln receive a majority of popular vote and where did all of his electoral votes come from?
20. What impact did the election of Abraham Lincoln have on South Carolina and the six other states of the Deep South?
21. What is a “lame duck” president and how did James Buchanan respond to secession?
22. What were the points of the Crittenden Compromise, what was Lincoln’s position on it, and why did Lincoln that that particular stance?