

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the major events during the first half of the nineteenth century by c) describing the cultural, economic, and political issues that divided the nation, including slavery, the abolitionist and women's suffrage movements, and the role of the states in the Union.

*Crises took place over the admission of NEW STATES into the Union during the decades before the Civil War. The issue was always whether the number of FREE STATES AND SLAVE STATES would be balanced, thus affecting power in the Congress.*



**AS THE UNITED STATES EXPANDED WESTWARD, THE CONFLICT OVER SLAVERY GREW MORE BITTER AND THREATENED TO TEAR THE COUNTRY APART.**