As you read the chapters, answer the following questions on your own sheet of paper.

**Chapter 18**

1. After the US-Mexican War, the United States gained much new territory. With this new territory came a renewed debate of the expansion of slavery. How did the idea of “popular sovereignty” try to resolve this debate?
2. Why was the Free Soil Party formed in the 1840s?
3. How did the discovery of gold in 1848 impact the California population and economy?
4. What was the “underground railroad”? In response to it, what did southern plantation owners and politicians want?
5. How did the death of Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, and Daniel Webster impact the debate on slavery?
6. What were the responses to Webster’s *Seventh of March* speech? (How did different groups respond?)
7. What were the key elements of the Compromise of 1850?
8. Why was the new Fugitive Slave Law called, “the Bloodhound Bill”?
9. Why did some southern politicians support the idea of expansion into Central America?
10. How did the *Ostend Manifesto* create controversy during the early 1850s?
11. Why was the Gadsen Purchase negotiated? (What was the purpose of adding this new land?)
12. Who was the main proponent of the Kansas-Nebraska Act? Why did many northerners feel betrayed by this man?

**Chapter 19**

13. How did the publication of Uncle Tom’s Cabin impact the debate over slavery? What was the northern perspective? Southern perspective?
14. How did “Bleeding Kansas” end up being the focal point of conflict between pro-slavery and anti-slavery groups?
15. How did violence in Kansas spill over to the floor of the US Senate?
16. Who were the presidential candidates in 1856? Who won this divided election?
17. What were the legal arguments in the case of *Dred Scott v. Stanford*? What did the Supreme Court decide? How did people respond to this decision?
18. What were the main causes of the *Panic of 1857*?
19. How did the Lincoln-Douglas debates help the ambitions of both Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln? What was the Freeport Doctrine?
20. How did John Brown’s raid at Harper’s Ferry inflame the situation between northerners and southerners?
21. When nominating a candidate for president in 1860, how did the debate over slavery divide the Democratic Party?
22. How did the South react to the election of Abraham Lincoln as POTUS?