

What was the New England Emigrant Aid Company?

An organization formed by northerners to promote the settling of antislavery men in Kansas.

Who constantly threatened the economic security of free blacks living in the cities during the 1850s?

Newly arrived immigrants who were willing to work for the least desirable jobs for lower wages

Where did most of the people who settled in Kansas during the 1850s come from? What was their attitude toward slavery?

1. They were midwesterners in search of good farmland. 2. They were generally opposed to the spread of slavery.

What was the purpose of John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry? What was the reaction to this event?

1. John Brown hoped to capture the federal arsenal and start a slave uprising. 2. Many in the North began to view Brown as a martyr, but many in the South saw this as evidence that the North wanted to end slavery. This event also played on one of the South's deepest fears, slave revolt.

True or False: By 1860 the population in the West had tripled since 1790.

False. The population was eight times that of the 1790 population, growing from 4 million to 32 million people.

By 1860,
_____ percent
of the U.S.
population lived in
cities.

25

True or False: Between 1800 and 1860, the purchasing power of the average worker remained the same.

False. It
doubled.

True or False:
The majority of
southerners
owned slaves.

False.
Three-fourths of
the southern
whites did not own
any slaves.

Which class had economic power and dominated the political and social life of the South?

The planter class.

How did the gang system operate on large southern plantations?

White overseers directed black drivers, who supervised large groups of workers in the fields, all performing the same operation.

