

## The Election of 1860 & the ... Crash Course US History #18

1. The road to the Civil War leads to discussions of \_\_\_\_\_ (to slavery), and differing economic systems (specifically whether those economic systems should involve slavery), and the election of Abraham Lincoln (specifically how his election impacted slavery), but none of those things would have been issues without \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Railroads made shipping \_\_\_\_\_ and more efficient, and allowed people to move around the country quickly,
3. The Kansas-Nebraska Act formalized the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ sovereignty, which basically meant that white residents of states could decide for themselves whether the state should allow slavery.
4. And now, we return at last to Slave Power. For many Northerners, the \_\_\_\_\_ Act, which repealed the Missouri Compromise
5. Right, so part of the Kansas problem was that hundreds of so-called " \_\_\_\_\_ Ruffians" flocked to Kansas from pro-slavery Missouri, to cast ballots in Kansas elections.
6. The case took years to find its way to the Supreme Court, and eventually, in 1857, Chief Justice Roger B. \_\_\_\_\_ from Maryland handed down his decision. The Court held that Scott was still a \_\_\_\_\_, but it went even further, attempting to settle the slavery issue once and for all.
7. Author of the Mystery document? \_\_\_\_\_
8. In 1859, John \_\_\_\_\_ led a disastrous raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry hoping capture guns and then give them to slaves who would rise up and use those guns against their masters.
9. Abraham Lincoln received \_\_\_\_\_ votes in nine American states but he won 40% of the overall popular vote, including majorities in many of the most populous states, thereby winning the Electoral College. So anytime a guy becomes president who literally did not appear on your ballot, there is likely to be a problem.
10. By the time he took office on March 1, 1861, \_\_\_\_\_ states had seceded and formed the Confederate States of America and the stage was set for the fighting to begin, which it did when Southern troops fired upon the Union garrison at Fort \_\_\_\_\_ in Charleston Harbor on April 12, 1861.
11. 11. And the failure of the United States to understand that the rights of black Americans were as inalienable as those of white Americans is ultimately what made the \_\_\_\_\_ inevitable.