

**Chapters 13 Reading Guide**  
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Essential Questions: Read carefully to answer the following questions.

**Chapter 13:**

13.1 What were the major causes of westward expansion in the 1840s?

13.2 What were the causes and effects of the Mexican American War?

13.3 Why did the expansion of slavery become such a divisive political issue in the 1840s and 1850s?

13.4 Why did the Republican Party emerge in this period? What were its guiding principles?

13.5 In what respects did the Dred Scott Decision, John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry, and Lincoln's Election in 1860 represent the "final straws" leading to the outbreak of Civil War in 1861?

13.6 What were the final steps on the Road to secession?