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Timeline of the Sectional Crisis

(Items in **bold text** are of particular significance to the discussion of the Sectional Crisis in this course)

* American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)
* Declaration of Independence (1776)
* **Article VI of the Northwest Ordinance** (1787)
* **Three-Fifths Compromise** (1787)
* French Revolution (1789-1799)
* Admission of Vermont (1791), Kentucky (1792), and Tennessee (1796)
* **Invention of the cotton gin** (1793)
* Fugitive Slave Act of 1793
* **Louisiana Purchase** (1803)
* **Haitian Revolution** (1803)
* Admission of Ohio (1803), Indiana (1816), and Illinois (1818)
* **Missouri Compromise**: Latitude 36°30’ / admission of Missouri and Maine (1820)
* **Westward expansion / Manifest Destiny** (1820s – 1860)
* “Tariff of Abominations” (1828)
* ***South Carolina Exposition and Protest*** (1828)
* **Nullification Crisis** (1832-33)
* Admission of Arkansas (1836) and Michigan (1837)
* Liberty Party (1839)
* *Prigg v. Pennsylvania* (1842)
* ***Uncle Tom’s Cabin*** (1852)
* Admission of Texas and Florida (1845)
* ***Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*** (1845)
* Admission of Iowa (1846)
* Wilmot Proviso (1846)
* **Mexican-American War** (1846-1848)
* Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)
* **Free Soil Party** (1848-1854)
* Admission of Wisconsin (1848)
* *Declaration of Sentiments, Grievances, and Resolutions* / Seneca Falls conference (1848)
* **Fugitive Slave Act of 1850**
* Admission of California (1850)
* **Compromise of 1850**
* **Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)**
* Founding of the Republican Party (1854)
* **Bleeding Kansas** (1854-1861)
* New England Emigrant Aid Company (1853-1861)
* **Underground Railroad** (early 1800s – emancipation)
* Rep. Preston Brooks beats up Sen. Charles Sumner on the Senate Floor (1856)
* Pottawatomie Massacre (1856)
* **Dred Scott decision** (1857)
* **Lincoln-Douglas debates** (1858)
* Admission of Minnesota (1858) and Oregon (1859)
* **John Brown-led raid of Harpers Ferry** (1859)
* Crittenden Compromise (1860-1861)
* **Election of Abraham Lincoln** (1860)
* Admission of Kansas (January 1861)
* Lecompton Constitution in Kansas (1857)
* **Secession of Southern states** (1861)
* Battle of Fort Sumter (1861)