Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
Free Soil Party Formed
Seneca Falls Convention
Gold Discovered at Sutter’s Mill, California
Compromise of 1850
Fugitive Slave Act
Uncle Tom’s Cabin
published
Kansas-Nebraska Act passed
Republican Party organized
“Bleeding Kansas” – violence takes center stage
Charles Sumner attacked in the Senate
Dred Scott v. Sandford
Supreme Court decision
Economic depression ("panic") sweeps through the U.S.
Lincoln-Douglas debates
John Brown raids Harpers Ferry, VA (now WV)
Abraham Lincoln wins the presidential election
South Carolina secedes from the Union