

The Compromise of 1850

Issues dividing North & South	Key Question	Clay's Solution
1. California Statehood	1. Free or slave?	1. California admitted to the Union as a free state
2. The status of the Mexican Cession	2. They needed to be organized. Would they eventually be free or slave states.	2. The area was divided into two territories – Utah and New Mexico. Popular sovereignty would determine whether they would be slave or free.
3. Slavery & the Slave trade in D.C.	3. A growing number of northerners believed that allowing slavery and the slave trade in the nation's capital was a national disgrace. Those same people advocated abolishing slavery or the slave trade or both in the nations's capital.	3. Abolish the slave trade in D.C.
4. The fugitive slave law	4. Southerners thought current laws were too weak. Some northern states passed "personal liberty laws" to skirt the federal fugitive slave law.	4. A new, more rigorous fugitive slave law
5. Interstate slave trade	5. South wants guarantee that Congress will not outlaw slave trade across state lines.	5. Legal guarantee that Congress will not outlaw interstate slave trade