

# Government – Questionable Position

- Many members of Congress seemed to be pro slave
- Slave owners (Plantation Owners) had a lot of influence in Congress
- Kansas Nebraska Act was supported by Southerners.
- Lincoln feels Northern states should be free so poor whites have a place to go and improve self. NOT for Southern Plantation owners.
- Dred Scott Decision support belief that government supported Slave States.

# Harper's Ferry - 1859

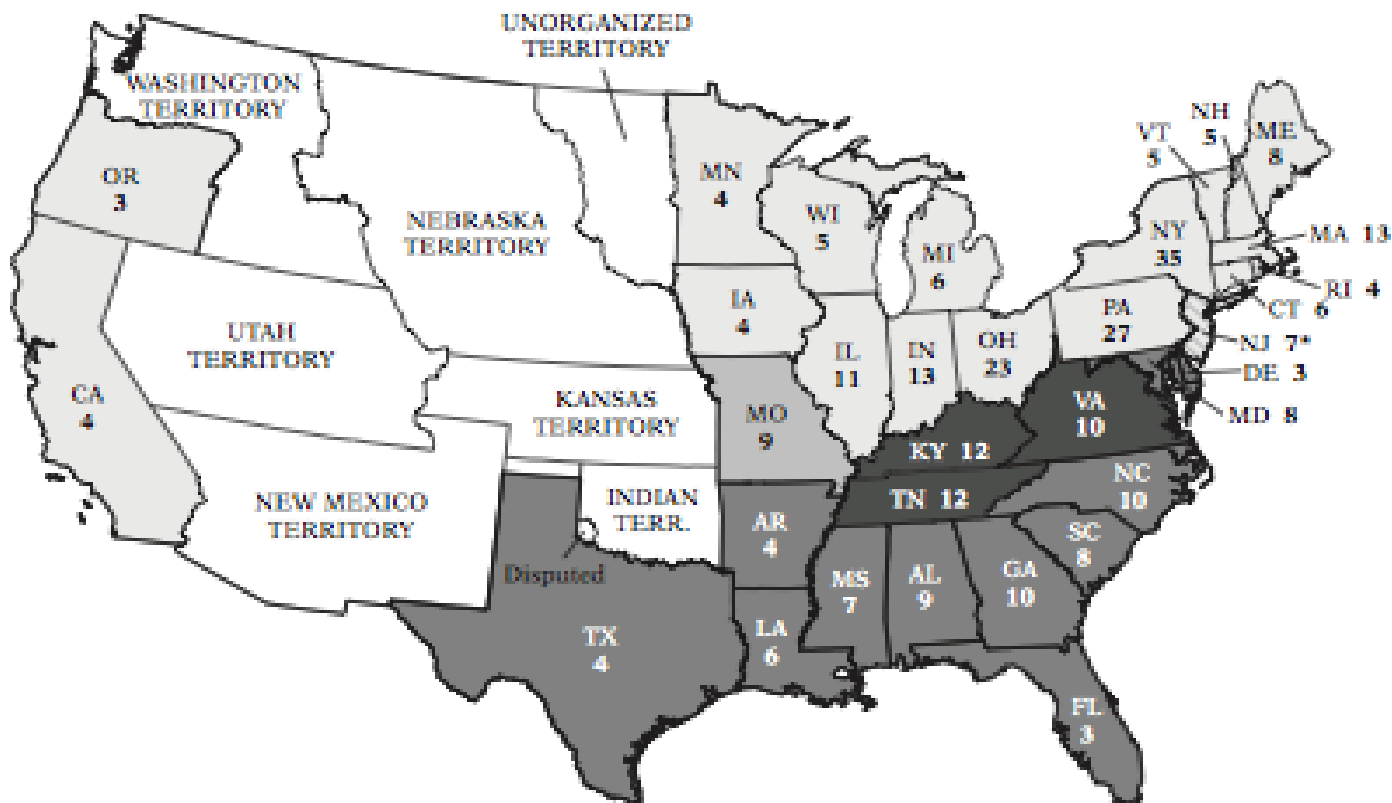
- John Brown leads small group
- Capture Arsenal in Virginia.  
Plan to give weapons to slaves for uprising
- Plan was not well thought out
- Not enough people to carry all the weapons
- Slaves did not join in
- Many died. John Brown executed for treason
- NORTH – Hero or Martyr
- SOUTH - Terrorist



# Dred Scott Decision

- Dred Scott was a slave
- Sued his master. Master took him to Illinois and Wisconsin. Both barred slavery. How could he be considered a slave?
- Since slavery is illegal he could not be considered a slave.
- Went to Supreme Court
- Chief Justice Roger Taney states:
  - Scott is still a slave
  - Citizens have the right to life, liberty, and property – he is property therefore his master has that right.
  - Black people were inferior and could not have rights or be recognized
  - Negroes must be slaves for their own good
- Technically the ruling states or implies there are no free states. North is NOT HAPPY!





Candidate	Party	Electoral Vote	Popular Vote	Percentage of Popular Vote
Lincoln	Republican	180	1,865,593	39.8
Douglas	Northern Democrat	12	1,382,713	29.5
Breckinridge	Southern Democrat	72	848,356	18.1
Bell	Constitutional Union	39	592,906	12.6

\*New Jersey cast four electoral votes for Lincoln and three for Douglas.

Electoral map for election of 1860

# Election of 1860

- Abraham Lincoln - Republican
- Stephen Douglas – Northern Democrat
- John C. Breckinridge – Southern Democrat
- John Bell – Constitutional Union
  
- Lincoln wins 40% of populous vote
- NO VOTES in 9 states (Slave States)
- Votes come from states with electoral votes
- South Carolina succeeds from Union within a month
- 7 states leave Union by Lincoln's inauguration