

Exercise walk-through

The Compromise of 1850 ■ 5.4

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what the Mexican Cession led to
- state who attempted to resolve the issue
- state what the Compromise of 1850 is an example of
- explain why the courts appear beside national leaders

Method — The Cession

The Mexican Cession led to heated controversies over whether to allow slavery in the newly acquired territories.

Method — Who attempted

The courts and national leaders made a variety of attempts to resolve the issue of slavery in the territories, including the Compromise of 1850. Two institutions, working on the same question.

Method — An example

The Compromise of 1850 is the CED's example of a legislative attempt. 5.6 gives the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the Dred Scott decision as later attempts that **failed to reduce conflict**.

Method — Courts and leaders

The question was not only legislative. Including the courts records that the dispute was also about what the Constitution already permitted — which is why a judicial answer could be attempted at all.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what the Mexican Cession led to.

Solution 2.1

Method: The Cession

Worked steps

heated controversies **B1** over whether to allow slavery in the newly acquired territories **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State who attempted to resolve the issue.

Solution 2.2

Method: Who attempted

Worked steps

the courts **B1** and national leaders **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The courts appear beside national leaders.

(a) State what this records.

(b) State the CED's later examples of such attempts.

Solution 2.3

Method: Who attempted

Worked steps

- (a) that the dispute was also about what the Constitution already permitted **B2**.
- (b) the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the Dred Scott decision **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED names as attempting resolution the courts and

- A** national leaders
- B** state governors only
- C** foreign powers
- D** the army

Solution 3.1

A national leaders



B state governors only

C foreign powers

D the army

Worked steps

A. national leaders.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The Compromise of 1850 is given as

A one of a variety of attempts

B the only attempt

C a court decision

D a constitutional amendment

Solution 3.2

A one of a variety of attempts



B the only attempt

C a court decision

D a constitutional amendment

Worked steps

A. one of a variety.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A dispute is taken to the courts as well as to the legislature.

- (a) State what this indicates about the dispute.
- (b) Explain why a judicial answer was attempted.

Solution 3.3

Method: Courts and leaders

Worked steps

(a) that it was partly a question of constitutional interpretation **B1**. (b) if the Constitution already settled the matter **B1**, a court could declare what it required rather than a legislature negotiating a new rule **B1**.