

5.4 The Compromise of 1850

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• attempts at compromise 妥协的尝试

Objective

Build the skills to explain **attempts at compromise** 妥协的尝试.

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

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ The Cession

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

■ 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.

■ 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**.

■ 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.

2 Practice

2.1 State what the Mexican Cession led to. [2]

2.2 State who attempted to resolve the issue. [2]

2.3 The courts appear beside national leaders.

(a) State what this records. [2]

(b) State the CED’s later examples of such attempts. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED names as attempting resolution the courts and [1]

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

3.2 The Compromise of 1850 is given as [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** one of a variety of attempts
B the only attempt
C a court decision
D a constitutional amendment

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

(a) State what this indicates about the dispute.

[1]

(b) Explain why a judicial answer was attempted.

[2]
