

5.6 Failure of Compromise

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **why compromise failed** 妥协的失败.

You must be able to:

- name the two later attempts the CED gives
- state the CED's verdict on them
- state what ended the Second Party System
- explain why sectional parties are a step towards war

1 Worked examples

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

■ Two attempts

The Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the Dred Scott decision — one legislative, one judicial.

■ The verdict

They **ultimately failed to reduce conflict**. The CED does not say they caused the war; it says they did not do what they were for.

■ The party system

The Second Party System ended when the issues of slavery and anti-immigrant nativism weakened loyalties to the two major parties and fostered the emergence of sectional parties, most notably the Republican Party in the North.

■ Why it matters

A national party has to hold voters in both sections, so it must find positions both can accept. When parties become sectional, nothing in the party system requires anyone to compromise — the institution that had produced compromises stops producing them.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the two later attempts and state the CED's verdict. [2]

2.2 State what ended the Second Party System. [2]

2.3 Sectional parties are a step towards war.

(a) Explain why. [2]

(b) Name the party the CED gives. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED says these attempts [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** ultimately failed to reduce conflict
B caused the war directly
C succeeded
D were never made

3.2 The Second Party System was weakened by slavery and [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** anti-immigrant nativism
B the tariff alone
C foreign policy
D judicial review

3.3 A party needs votes in only one section to win office.

(a) State what it no longer needs.

[1]

(b) Explain the consequence for compromise.

[2]
