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# Leading to a Breakdown

**Directions:** The questions of slavery in the U.S was not easily solved. Below is a list of five pieces of legislation that contributed to tensions between the North and South. Using your notes complete the graphic organizer.

Legislation	Goal/Problem the Legislation Addressed	Decision/result of the Legislation
<b>Missouri Compromise</b> Date: <u>1820</u>	Keep balance in Congress between slave & no slave states Missouri wanted to join U.S. as a slave.	Maine = free Missouri = slave = balance.
<b>Compromise of 1850</b> Date: <u>1850</u>	Gained territory from Mexican American War. What should it become?	California - free New Mexico Utah - slavery ending slave trade in D.C. fugitive slave laws
<b>Fugitive Slave Law</b> Date: <u>1850</u>	Northerners were helping fugitive slaves run away	Northerners must turn in Fugitive Slaves People can't help fugitive slaves go to jail
<b>Kansas-Nebraska Act</b> Date: <u>1854</u>	- wanted to make Nebraska a territory, but it would be a free state because of Missouri compromise	Kansas and Nebraska territory are open to slavery Ending the Missouri Compromise
<b>Dred Scott Case</b> Date: <u>1857</u>	- Dred Scott sued for his freedom - master took him to free state	Slaves are not citizens Congress can not prohibit slavery in states/territories Made the Missouri Compromise and North West ordinance UnConstitutional