



## Guided Reading Activity 8-1

**DIRECTIONS: Filling in the Blanks** In the space provided, write the word or words that best complete the sentence. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

1. The Wilmot Proviso proposed that slavery would not exist in any territory the United States gained from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The idea known as \_\_\_\_\_ suggested that citizens of each new territory should be allowed to decide if they wanted to permit slavery.
3. Conscience Whigs, antislavery Democrats, and members of the Liberty Party joined together to form the \_\_\_\_\_ Party.
4. In the presidential election of 1848, support for Free-Soilers split the vote and allowed \_\_\_\_\_ to win.
5. By the end of 1849, more than 80,000 people had arrived in California to look for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Henry Clay, a senator from Kentucky, tried to find a compromise that would allow \_\_\_\_\_ to join the union as a free state.
7. John C. Calhoun predicted that if the South could not live in safety with in the Union, the only solution would be \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ had been conceived as a benefit to slaveholders, but it actually hurt the Southern cause by increasing Northern hostility toward slavery.
9. African Americans who were accused of being runaways were brought before a \_\_\_\_\_, who had a financial incentive to rule in favor of the slaveholder.
10. The Fugitive Slave Act's requirement that \_\_\_\_\_ help capture runaways drove many into active defiance.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ was an informal but well-organized system, begun in the early 1830s, that helped thousands of enslaved persons escape.
12. After running as a serial in an antislavery newspaper, \_\_\_\_\_ came out in book form in 1852 and sold 300,000 copies in its first year.
13. The opening of Oregon and the admission of California to the Union had convinced Americans that a \_\_\_\_\_ should be built.
14. In 1853, Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois prepared a bill to organize the territory west of Missouri and Iowa into a new territory called \_\_\_\_\_.