



## Guided Reading Activity 8-2

**DIRECTIONS: Outlining** Read the section and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

### I. The Birth of the Republican Party

- A. Pro-slavery and antislavery Whigs had long battled for control of the party, but the \_\_\_\_\_ finally split the party.
- B. The antislavery coalition formed during the congressional elections of 1854 took many different names, the most popular of which was the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The American Party, also called the \_\_\_\_\_, was a nativist party that gained seats in Congress in 1854.
- D. The Democratic candidate for president, James Buchanan, believed the best way to save the Union was to \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Buchanan suggested that the nation let the \_\_\_\_\_ decide the question of slavery in the territories.

### II. The Emergence of Abraham Lincoln

- A. By 1858, \_\_\_\_\_ had taken positions on Kansas and the Dred Scott case that made him less popular in both the North and the South.
- B. In 1858, Illinois Republicans chose \_\_\_\_\_ to run for the Senate against Douglas.
- C. Although not an \_\_\_\_\_, Lincoln believed slavery to be morally wrong.

### III. John Brown's Raid

- A. John Brown, a fervent abolitionist, developed a plan to seize the \_\_\_\_\_ at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.
- B. A contingent of U.S. Marines, under the command of \_\_\_\_\_, captured Brown just 36 hours after his rebellion had begun.
- C. Many Northerners viewed Brown as a \_\_\_\_\_ in a noble cause.