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Lecture 8:
The House Divided



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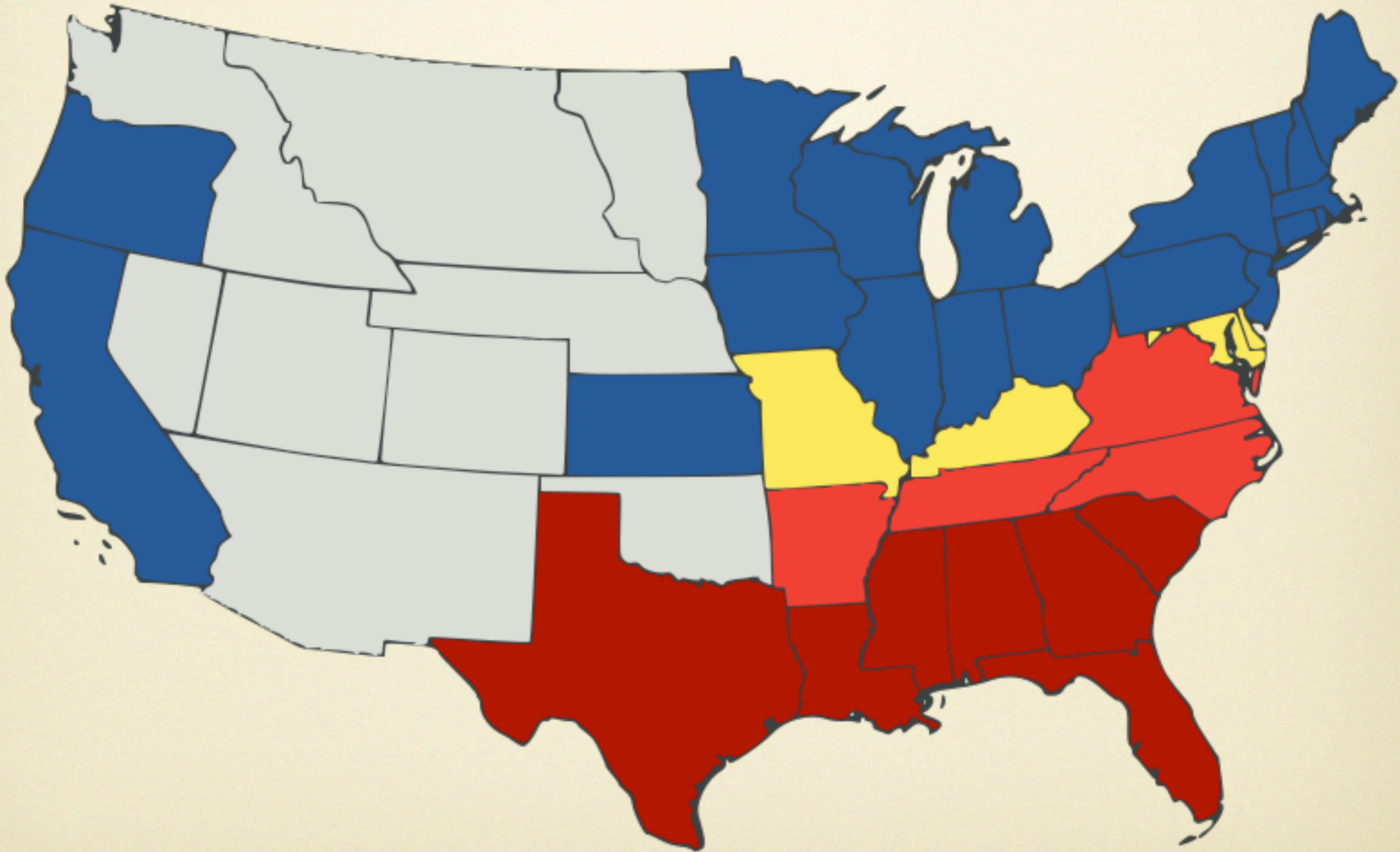


The Bonnet Rouge

*Freedom Triumphant in War
and Peace* by Thomas
Crawford



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Things the North and the South had in common by 1850:

- ~ Shared heritage of the American Revolution
- ~ Successful & growing economies
- ~ Protestant religion
- ~ Same geographic size



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Differences between North and South by 1850:

- ~ Demographic characteristics
 - ~ North had larger population
 - ~ North was more urban
 - ~ North had more ethnic diversity
 - ~ South was more rural
 - ~ South had more racial diversity

- ~ Economic characteristics
 - ~ North had a mixed economy
 - ~ South had an agricultural economy

Market agriculture, cash crop agriculture, subsistence agriculture



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Differences between North and South by 1850 (con't):

~ Class characteristics

- ~ South had a narrower distribution of wealth
- ~ North had a larger middle class
- ~ North had working class consciousness

Ideology of Free Labor

- ~ dignity of wage labor
- ~ social mobility
- ~ belief that economic independence is a key to a democratic society



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Westward expansion and the growing crisis over slavery:

- ~ Northwest Ordinance 1787
 - ~ federal control over territories
 - ~ Congress approves the creation of new states

- ~ Missouri Compromise of 1820
 - ~ Maine (free); Missouri (slave)



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Westward expansion and the growing crisis over slavery
(con't):

- ~ Compromise of 1850
 - ~ California (free)
 - ~ Utah & New Mexico territories (popular sovereignty)
 - ~ Fugitive Slave Act of 1850

- ~ Kansas-Nebraska Act 1854
 - ~ “Bloody” Kansas
 - ~ John Brown



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Breakdown of the political party system:

- ~ Free Soil/Free Labor
- ~ Republican Party (1854)
 - ~ accepted slavery as Constitutional in those states which had made it legal
 - ~ opposed the addition of any new slave states to the nation
- ~ Dred Scott decision (1857)
 - ~ extraterritoriality
 - ~ blacks were not, nor ever could be citizens
 - ~ Northwest Ordinance 1787 declared unconstitutional
- ~ Abraham Lincoln elected President (1860)



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Southern response to the election of Lincoln:

~ 7 slave states secede (Dec. 1860) and form the Confederate States of America

~ 5 slave states remain in the Union