

## CHAPTER

## 16

## TEST

## Identifying Main Ideas



Write the letter of the correct choice in the answer space.

- 1. The idea of control by the people is called  
A right of secession.  
B popular sovereignty.  
C compromise.  
D sectionalism.
- 2. Keeping slavery out of the western territories was the main goal of the  
A Free Soil party.  
B Whig party.  
C Democrat party.  
D United Democrat party.
- 3. California was admitted to the Union as a free state in the  
A Wilmot Proviso.  
B Fugitive Slave Law.  
C Compromise of 1850.  
D Lincoln and Douglas debates.
- 4. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was an important book because it  
A caused people to support slavery.  
B told a true story about slavery.  
C supported southern slave masters.  
D persuaded many people that slavery was wrong.
- 5. An effect of the Dred Scott decision was to  
A divide the nation further over slavery.  
B help the North and the South reach a compromise.  
C weaken the Supreme Court's power.  
D increase the Supreme Court's power.
- 6. The Republican party was formed because  
A the Senate passed a law.  
B the Whigs and the Democrats would not take a strong stand about the slavery issue.  
C southerners believed that they had no voice in the national government.  
D Abraham Lincoln proposed it.
- 7. Which of the following BEST states Lincoln's view of slavery in 1858?  
A Slavery is not a political issue.  
B Slavery should be abolished everywhere immediately.  
C Slavery is acceptable in the western territories.  
D Slavery is wrong.
- 8. John Brown led a raid on Harpers Ferry to get  
A boats for escaping slaves.  
B help from trained military forces.  
C guns for a slave revolt.  
D southern support for antislavery ideas.
- 9. Abraham Lincoln won the 1860 election for President because  
A the Democratic party was split.  
B he won the debates with Stephen Douglas.  
C Jefferson Davis supported him.  
D he won many southern votes.
- 10. All of the following were causes of the Civil War EXCEPT  
A the firing on Fort Sumter.  
B Abraham Lincoln's election.  
C the secession of South Carolina.  
D John Breckinridge's death.