

The Compromise of 1850

Directions: Part 1- Please read through each part (there are 4 of them) of the Compromise of 1850 below to understand what is happening. Note: One part is left out since it does not pertain to our purposes.

Compromise of 1850

1. **California** is able to enter the U.S. as a free state.

2. **The territories of New Mexico and Utah** would get to decide whether or not they want to have slavery in their territories. This is called the right of popular sovereignty when a territory or state could determine by voting whether or not they want slavery there.

3. The **slave trade** (but not slavery) will be ended in Washington D.C.

4. There is a new **fugitive slave law**. Anyone (including in the North) who helped hide or help runaway slaves escape could go to prison for up to 6 months and be given a hefty fine (up to \$1,000)

Directions: Part 2: Observe the 4 different characters on the chart below. Decide if each would be willing to pass the Compromise of 1850 or not based on who they are and/or their job. **Note:** Please do not write the # of the part of the Compromise under the chart, but put a short phrase (such as CA enters as a free state, etc)

Character	Part (s) of Compromise they would approve of.	Part (s) of Compromise they would dislike or not be in favor of	Would this character be willing to pass the Compromise of 1850? Why or why not? (at least 2 strong sentences)
New York Congressman			
Slave owner in Mississippi			
Former slave who has been living in the North for 5 years now.			
A poor farmer in Georgia who owns no slaves			