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Chapter 15 Vocabulary

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| **Across**  **10.** The practice or act of owning slaves.  **11.** A controversial ruling made by the Supreme Court in 1857, shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War.  **12.** the rights and powers held by individual US states rather than by the federal government  **13.** the action of withdrawing formally from membership of a federation or body, especially a political state. | **Down**  **1.** A law passed as part of the Compromise of 1850, which provided southern slaveholders with legal weapons to capture slaves who had escaped to the free states.  **2.** a settlement of a dispute between slave and free states, contained in several laws passed during 1820 and 1821  **3.** a war between citizens of the same country  **4.** allowed citizens in the Kansas and Nebraska territories to decide locally whether to allow slavery  **5.**  a package of five separate bills passed by the United States Congress in September 1850, which defused a four-year political confrontation between slave and free states regarding the status of territories acquired during the Mexican–American War (1846–1848).  **6.**  was a statement executed by a Georgia Convention in Milledgeville, Georgia on December 10, 1850 in response to the Compromise of 1850.  **7.** pitted four candidates against each other: Stephen Douglas for the Northern Democrats, John C. Breckenridge for the Southern Democrats, John Bell for the Constitutional Union Party, and Abraham Lincoln for the Republican Party.  **8.** an American lawyer and politician from Georgia, and the Confederate vice president throughout the American Civil War.  **9.** the act of cancelling something |