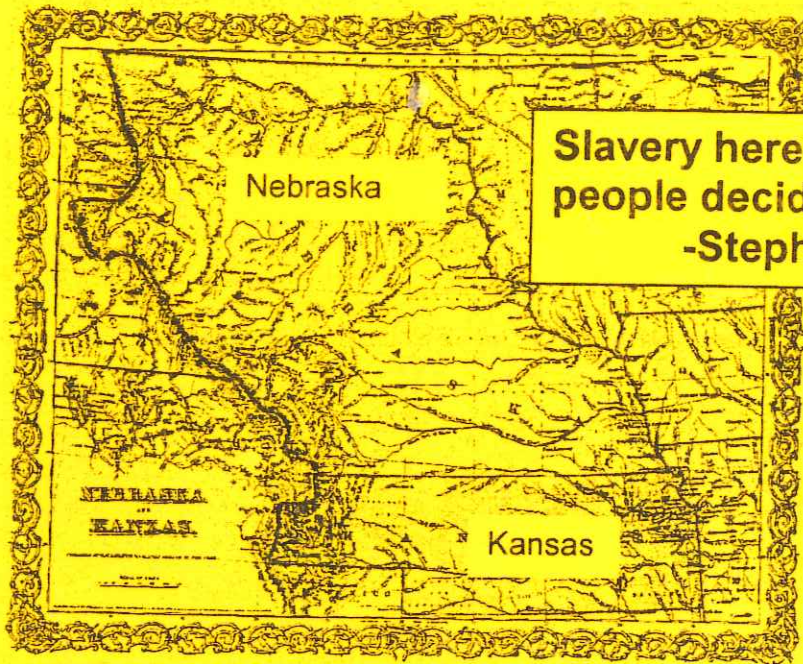


The Kansas Nebraska Act, 1854

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The law...

- Divided the Nebraska Territory into two territories, Kansas and Nebraska
- Allowed the citizens of the territories to decide for or against slavery ("popular sovereignty")
- Ended the line 36°30' as the dividing line between free and slave states (repealing the Missouri Compromise of 1820)

Its results...

- Brought anti-slavery and pro-slavery forces head-to-head in a battle over the status of Kansas.
- Opposition to the law led to more anger in the North, leading to the birth of the Republican Party.

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