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DUE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## ROAD to CIVIL WAR TIMELINE JIGSAW

**Introduction:** The Civil War was arguably the most important event in American history. In fact, it is common practice to divide American history into two main periods: before the Civil War and after the Civil War. It was by far the bloodiest war in American history and profoundly affected American economy, politics and society. However, the Civil War was not a spontaneous occurrence. It was a long time in the making and its roots can be found in all of the American history we've studied thus far. The purpose of this project is to look into some the key events leading to the crisis. Because there are so many events you will jigsaw the work with a partner.

### **Research Instructions:**

- Your group will have to find dates and information on each event.
- All the events are arranged in chronological order (I think).
- With your group members, divide up the events with each group member being responsible for about the same number of events.
- Individually, you must research your assigned events
  - Find out when your event happened (be as precise as possible; some "events" are timespans)
  - Find out what the event is (about 1 sentence)
  - Find out what its significance is (about 1 sentence; how is it related to the road to Civil War)
  - You are responsible for teaching your events to your group mates.
  - Be sure you know and can explain all names, terms, acronyms etc.

### **Timeline Instructions:**

- After your group has gathered and shared all the required information, you need to make a timeline of the events.
- Each member must make his/her own timeline
- Whether you decided to make a vertical or horizontal timeline, plot all dates on one side (left or top) and all events on the other side (right or bottom)
  - Include only the event on the timeline; not a description of it
- Make sure your timeline is titled

DATE	EVENT
	Ratification of the Constitution
	Invention of the Cotton Gin
	Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions
	Louisiana Purchase
	Missouri Compromise
	First issue of <i>The Liberator</i>
	Gag Rule (Pinckney Resolutions)

DATE	EVENT
	Nullification Crisis
	Mexican-American War
	Wilmot Proviso
	Millard Fillmore administration
	Compromise of 1850
	2nd Fugitive Slave Act
	Personal Liberty Laws
	Publication of <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>
	Formation of the Republican Party
	Kansas-Nebraska Act Passed
	Brooks attacks Sumner
	Franklin Pierce administration
	Congressional Election of 1854
	Presidential Election of 1856
	Bleeding Kansas
	James Buchanan administration
	<i>Dred Scot vs Sanford</i>
	Congressional Election of 1858
	John Brown's Raid
	Presidential Election of 1860
	Abraham Lincoln administration
	Secession (1st wave)
	Fort Sumter
	Secession (2nd wave)
	1st Battle of Bull Run/Manassas