US HISTORY

CHAPTER 18 READING

**Directions: Use pages 390 – 408 in order to complete the following questions.**

**Pages 390 – 395:**

1. Why didn’t Polk run for a second term?

2. How did the Democratic Platform deal with the issue of slavery?

3. What was popular sovereignty?

4. Why did people like the idea of popular sovereignty?

5. What were three goals of the Free Soil Party?

6. What were the results of the election of 1848?

7. What problems did the discovery of gold lead to?

8. Why was the South nervous about the states being formed out of the Mexican Cession?

9. Why was abolishing slavery in D.C. angering Southerners?

10. What were stations, passengers, and conductors on the Underground Railroad?

11. Why was Harriet Tubman known as “Moses?”

**Pages 396 – 403:**

12. Who made up the “immortal trio” of the Congress?

13. What did the Compromise of 1850 concede to the North and South? (one example for each)

14. What phrase might have cost William Seward the presidency in 1860?

15. Why did the North win the Compromise of 1850?

16. What did the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 do?

17. Why is it suggested that the Compromise of 1850 helped the North win the Civil War?

18. Who did the Democrats select in 1852 for president? Why?

19. What did the Election of 1852 mean to the Whig Party?

20. Why were “slaveocrats” looking for land outside the US?

21. What did the Japanese do with ship wrecked sailors? Why?

22. Where was Commodore Matthew Perry sent? What did he accomplish?

**Pages 403 – 408:**

23. Why was the South interested in Cuba?

24. What did the Ostend Manifesto recommend?

25. What was the solution to the transportation problem of reaching California?

26. Why was the Gadsden Purchase made? Why was it controversial?

27. What was Douglas’s plan for the Nebraska Territory?

28. What legal problem did the Douglas plan run into?

29. What issue was Stephen Douglas not concerned with?

30. What compromises did the Kansas-Nebraska Act ruin?