

## Week 4 Discussion 1: Stepping Stones to the Civil War

### *Initial Post Instructions*

In preparation of the initial post, **consider (2)** of the leading causes of the American Civil War:

- The Compromise of 1850
- The Fugitive Slave Law 1850
- Uncle Tom's Cabin 1852
- The Kansas Nebraska Act 1854
- **The Dred Scott Case of 1857**
- **The Lincoln Douglas Debates 1858**

Then, in one (1) to two (2) paragraphs, **address one (1)** of the following:

- Based on the historical facts given your two selections above, assess if the American Civil War was inevitable.
- Analyze if the United States Supreme Court can settle legal and moral issues through judiciary review. In your response, provide a documented example of a modern parallel of a legal or moral issue settled by the United States Supreme Court.