

**COMPOSING AN ESSAY (20 points)** Write a brief essay on one of the following.

1. Explain Senator Stephen A. Douglas's position on slavery and how his position affected his standing with northerners and with southerners.

2. Describe the actions taken by northerners and abolitionists between 1845 and 1861 as a result of their growing outrage over slavery. Discuss their reactions to the Fugitive Slave Act, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the raid on Harpers Ferry.