Events Leading to War

**The decades before the Civil War were filled with political compromises, new political parties, and feuding between different sections of the country. The issue of slavery had also divided Americans from the nation’s earliest days, and with the addition of new territories, the problem became even more pressing. Depending upon the Northern and/or Southern perspective, there were many possible events that helped to increase tensions that led to the Civil War.**

* **Compromise of 1850**
* **Underground Railroad**
* **Uncle Tom’s Cabin**
* **Kansas-Nebraska Act**
* **Bleeding Kansas**
* **Dred Scott Decision**
* **Caning of Charles Sumner**
* **John Brown’s Raid**
* **The Election of 1860**
* **Secession and Sumte**r

**Assignment:**

Create a multimedia timeline of the events leading up to the Civil War using a timeline generator. For each event, be sure to include the following:

1. A specific but brief description of the event, **including** the date.
2. Information on **both** the Northern and Southern perspectives on the assigned event
3. An explanation on how the assigned event increased tensions between the North and South **and/or** led to war.
4. A picture, illustration, chart, graph, and/or video clip.