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## 15.2 A Nation Dividing (pp. 441-444)

**READING CHECKS:** Answer each question as you read the text.

• What was the purpose of the Underground Railroad?

• Write a definition of "popular sovereignty" in your own words.

• What is a civil war?

**KEY TERMS:** Define each term's meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- popular sovereignty
- border ruffians
- civil war