

## Government Actions

**Directions:** Describe each of the following developments. Then explain how each led to the continuation of slavery. Finally, discuss why abolitionists, in their efforts to end slavery, were unable to mobilize enough support against each development to limit or end slavery.

1. Missouri Compromise of 1820
2. Annexation of Texas of 1845
3. Popular Sovereignty as used by proslavery politicians of the 1840s and 1850s
4. The failure of the Wilmot Proviso of 1846

