**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 10—Slavery Expands South and West, 1830-1850**

* **How did the expansion of southern slavery impact American political alignments and westward expansion in the mid-nineteenth century?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself of the how institutionalized slavery grew throughout the south and the impacts this expansion had on both the nation’s westward expansion and political alignments. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the changes in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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| **Slavery’s effect on southern institutions and values** | **Consequences of this growth on westward expansion** | **Consequences of this growth on political alignments** |
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*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the question:*

* **How did the expansion of southern slavery impact westward expansion and political alignments in the mid-nineteenth century?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*