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Westward Expansion and Sectionalism – Readiness TEKS 8.6B, 8.6D, 8.7C, 8.10B, 8.11A, 8.12D, and 8.23A

1. All of the following are considered significant roots of the Manifest Destiny except:

- A. Americans believed that it was their mission to extend democracy from Atlantic to Pacific coast.
- B. Expanding westward was a way to secure the United States from rival powers like England, Spain, and Russia.
- C. Plantation owners in the south wanted to expand their farming operations, and slavery, into the western frontier.
- D. Americans romanticized the pioneering spirit and as a symbol of individualism and freedom.

3. Sam Houston’s victory at the Battle of San Jacinto eventually led to which of the following occurrences?

- A. The Annexation of Texas in 1845 and the US-Mexican War
- B. The Louisiana Purchase in 1803
- C. The opening of the Oregon Trail to pioneers in the 1840s
- D. The Gadsden Purchase of 1853

2. The Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the purchase of Florida in 1819, and the annexation of Texas in 1845 are all examples of what political philosophy of the 19th century?

- F. Free Enterprise System
- G. Federalism
- H. Abolitionism
- J. Manifest Destiny

4. How did the Compromise of 1850 affect land gained through the US-Mexican War?

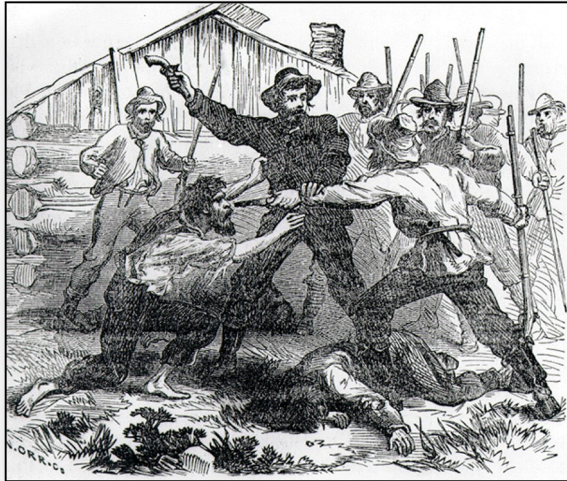
- F. Established free markets of trade with both Mexico and the United States
- G. Expanding voting rights to women
- H. Opened Texas to the practice of slavery
- J. Created a new railroad system to transport goods from Texas to the east coast

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5. Fighting between pro-slavery and anti-slavery groups was a result of which congressional action?

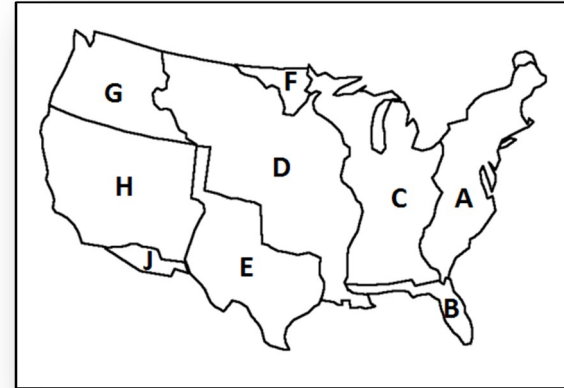


- A. The Annexation of Texas in 1845
- B. Compromise of 1850
- C. Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854
- D. Missouri Compromise of 1820

6. Texas and California both have what historical characteristic in common?

- F. Achieved statehood in 1845
- G. Former territories of Mexico
- H. Settled by Mormons
- J. Allowed the practice of slavery

7. Using the map below, which territories of land were acquired by the United States between 1845 and 1855?



- A. Territories B, C, and D
- B. Territories D and E
- C. Territories B, E, and G
- D. Territories E, G, H and J

8. Using the map in question #7, which territory was purchased for \$10 million from Mexico to construct a railroad route to the Pacific?

- F. Territory F
- G. Territory G
- H. Territory H
- J. Territory J

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9. Which of the following is not true about why pioneers and settlers pursued western territories?

- A. The availability of natural harbors for shipping
- B. Inexpensive land
- C. Abundant natural resources
- D. Fertile soil for farming

11. All of the following contribute to sectionalism of the United States in 1850 except:

- A. Differences in local geography
- B. Regional availability of natural resources
- C. Uniform currency and federal taxation
- D. Religious values and beliefs within a community

10. Beginning in 1847, thousands of Mormons moved westward and settled near the Great Salt Lake for what reason?



- F. Economic opportunities associated with mining
- G. Religious freedom
- H. Strong belief in the Manifest Destiny
- J. Farming and cattle ranching

12. Which of the following quotes does not support the idea that it should be the mission of the United States to control all territory from Atlantic to Pacific coasts?

- F. *"We are anxious to force free government on all; It is a great mistake."*
– John Calhoun
- G. *"And that claim is by the right...to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government entrusted to us."*
– John O'Sullivan
- H. *"For the common happiness of them all, for their peace and prosperity, I believe it is indispensable that they should be associated in one federal Union."*
– John Quincy Adams
- J. *"The United States...are fully determined...to bring into cultivation every portion of the territory contained within their acknowledged boundaries."*
– Henry Clay

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<p>A. Annexation of Texas B. Compromise of 1850 C. <i>Dred Scott</i> Decision D. Florida E. Fugitive Slave Law F. Gadsden Purchase G. German Immigrants H. Irish Immigrants I. Kansas-Nebraska Act J. Louisiana Purchase K. Manifest Destiny L. Mexican Cession M. Mormons N. Oregon Territory O. Republican Party P. Sectionalism Q. US-Mexican War</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____ Belief that it is the fate of the United States to occupy North America from Atlantic to Pacific coasts2. _____ Came to America to escape famine3. _____ Purchased from Spain in 1819 for \$5 million4. _____ Path of thousands of settlers westward to the fertile Willamette Valley5. _____ Religious group founded during the "Second Great Awakening" by Joseph Smith in 18306. _____ Occurrence of statehood in 1845 following independence from Mexico7. _____ Land purchase from Mexico in 1853 to build a railroad connecting the South to the Pacific Coast8. _____ 1803 purchase of land from France that doubled the size of the United States9. _____ People coming to America flee political unrest in their home country10. _____ Tendency for people living in a particular region to develop their own unique way of life	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. _____ Law that allowed Southern slave owners to hunt down escaped slaves in the North12. _____ California was admitted as a free state in exchange for the passage of the Fugitive Slave Law13. _____ 1854 law that allowed popular sovereignty to decide whether a state will be free14. _____ Resulted in an American victory and established the Rio Grande border with Mexico15. _____ The purchase of much of the southwest territory of the United States through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo16. _____ Critics of the Kansas-Nebraska Act founded this organization to stop the spread of slavery17. _____ Supreme Court ruling that declared slaves were not views as citizens, but as property
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