

Early 1800s WebQuest

A. Land Acquisitions

Click on this link for a map of the U.S.:

<http://img.docstoccdn.com/thumb/orig/97423051.png>

1. On your own map, select two different colors and shade in the land acquired in the Texas annexation and the Mexican Cession.

B. Indian Removal

Read the 4 quotes on this link: http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=11&psid=3802

1. Could Indians and white Americans peacefully coexist? Why?
2. How does Andrew Jackson defend his removal policy?
3. Was John Marshall's Supreme Court decision realistic? Can a president and states disregard a high court decision?
4. Was Jackson's policy unjust? What policy might have been better?

C. Manifest Destiny

Read the following quotes on this link:

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=11&psid=3843

1. Define "manifest destiny." What forces contributed to the commitment to American expansion?
2. Why did the United States go to war with Mexico?
3. How does President Polk justify an American declaration of war against Mexico? Do you find his explanation convincing?
4. What were American motives for waging the war?
5. Why did opponents oppose the war?
6. What were the political consequences of the Mexican War?

D. Fugitive Slave Act

Click on this link to see the image:

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1. Who is the intended audience of the ad?
2. What is the message of the image?
3. Is this a pro slavery or abolition ad? Why?