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Unit 3: Manifest Destiny, Conflict & Resolution Republic Reading Check

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Directions: Answer the following questions using either your class notes OR the digital textbook provided on our class website. You may work on the questions at your own pace (either in class if time permits and/or outside of class)

SSUSH8 Explore the relationship between slavery, growing north-south divisions and westward expansion that led to the outbreak of the Civil War.

- a. Explain the impact of the Missouri Compromise on the admission of states from the Louisiana Territory.
 1. What was the issue surrounding Missouri at the time it applied for admission into the Union?
 2. How many slave states existed at the time Missouri applied for admission into the Union? How many free states existed?
 3. Why did Congress wish to maintain a “perfect equilibrium” among the U.S. states?
 4. What precedent could be formed if Missouri was admitted into the Union as a slave state?
 5. Who was Henry Clay? What did he develop as a compromise to end the feud over Missouri?
 6. What were the terms of the Missouri Compromise?
 7. Define the term *sectionalism*. How do roots for this term begin to apply with the issue over slavery?

- a. Explain James K. Polk’s presidency in the fulfillment of Manifest Destiny including the Texas annexation and Oregon.
 8. Define the term *Manifest Destiny*. Who coined the term’s use by average Americans?
 9. What attracted families to settle out towards the Midwest?
 10. What major land issues were the political topic during the 1844 Presidential election?
 11. Who were the 1844 Presidential election candidates? What were their platform issues that they campaigned on during the election?
 12. Explain the campaign slogan “Fifty-Four, Forty or Fight!”
 13. Define the term *annexation*. How was this used in Texas following the results of the 1844 Presidential election?
 14. How did Mexico react after the U.S. annexation of Texas?
 15. Who claimed the Oregon territory before the U.S. tried to acquire it?
 16. What was the fear that Polk had in going after both the Oregon and Texas territories?
 17. Which of the two territories did Polk believe he had a chance at gaining if he had to go to war over them?
 18. How was the Oregon territory finally negotiated?

- b. Analyze the impact of the Mexican War on growing sectionalism.
 19. When was Texas offered admission into the Union?
 20. What was the result of the above offer?
 21. What new border did the U.S. insist Mexico adhere to concerning the Texas territory?
 22. Who was General Zachary Taylor? What happened to his military forces at the Rio Grande? How was the story behind this event portrayed in Mexico? In the U.S.?
 23. What all did Mexico forfeit following their loss in the Mexican-American War?
 24. After the war, what major argument again stemmed from the gain of new territory for the U.S.?
 25. How did Polk use the incident to justify his plea to Congress?
 26. What were the terms of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo?
 27. What Congressional drama did the terms of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo cause?

28. Who is David Wilmont? What was his issue in the fight over the newly acquired Mexican territory?
29. What were the terms of the Wilmont Proviso?
- c. Explain how the Compromise of 1850 arose out of territorial expansion and population growth.
30. What was discovered in California in 1848 which caused a massive rush to the west coast?
31. What happened to California's population as a result of the discovery? What does this mean about statehood? What socio-economic issue (as usual) would need to be discussed?
32. How did California's self-created Constitution violate the terms of the Missouri Compromise?
33. Explain the viewpoint of John Calhoun and Daniel Webster concerning California's admission.
34. What were the terms of Henry Clay's Compromise of 1850?
- d. Evaluate the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the failure of popular sovereignty, Scott v. Sanford, John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry and the election of 1860 as events leading to the Civil War.
35. Why did the Nebraska territory stand out as a profitable location for new settlers?
36. Define the term *Popular Sovereignty*. Who proposed this concept?
37. How was Popular Sovereignty to be used when considering the role of slavery in the Western territories?
38. How successful was the Kansas-Nebraska Act? What was the result of the bill's passage by Congress?
39. What happened during the event "Bleeding Kansas"? Who were the two groups arguing over this territory?
40. Discuss the creation of the new Republican political party. (after the Kansas-Nebraska act was passed)
41. Who was the new Republican Party's main candidate? Why was he chosen for the job of representing the party?
42. Who was Dred Scott? What was his argument that made its way to the Supreme Court?
43. What impact did court case ruling in Scott vs. Stanford have on slavery in the U.S.?
44. Who was John Brown? What was he "divinely" called to do? How did he go about answering his call?
45. What did southerners do in response to Brown's aggressive attack against them?
46. Who were the party candidates during the election of 1860? What parties did they represent?