

# Manifest Destiny and Its Legacy

## The Accession of "Tyler Too"

- John Tyler became the president after President Harrison died four weeks in office
- Tyler forsaken the Jacksonian Democracy, yet he had conflicting with nationalist Whigs such as Henry Clay.

## John Tyler: A President Without a Party

- Tyler was notorious for his disapproval of a central bank.
  - Vetoed Clay's proposal multiple times
  - Led to immense dissatisfaction from the Whigs
- Tyler was eventually kicked out by the Whigs, thus, became a president without a party

## A War of Words with Britain

- Many Americans were still hostile towards Britain
- Sharp exchanges among British and American writers

## The Lone Star of Texas Shines Alone

- During the uncertain eight years since 1836, Texas had a precarious existence
  - Mexico refused to recognize Texas's independence
    - a province in revolt
    - threatened war if Americans adopted Texas
    - Texas was forced to maintain costly military
  - Britain was interested in an independent Texas
    - Would prevent American's expansion
    - Texas would be a free trade area to avoid tariffs
    - It would undermine the Monroe's Doctrine

## The Annexation of Texas

- Annexation of Texas in 1845 as the 28th state of America
  - Antislavery Whigs feared that Texas would destroy the balance
  - Texas was still admitted to the Republic due to threats from other foreign powers
- Mexico was enraged by the annexation
  - The anger was not unfounded
  - Yet, realistically speaking, it was impossible for Mexico to gain back its lost province
- Texas gathered a lot of tensions not only from foreign powers such as Britain and Mexico but also inner protests from the antislavery Northerners

## Oregon Fever