

## AP United States History

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### Utopian Societies, Manifest Destiny, Texas and Oregon

- Utopian Societies
  - Purpose was to create a cooperative community in an attempt to improve life of common man in face of increased industrialism
    - Brook Farm: Established near Boston (1841), Ripley, shared life, intellectualism
    - Oneida Community in New York: cooperative community, shared property, marriages. Led by Noyes
- The Mormons: Founded by Joseph Smith in New York
  - Organized the Church of Latter Day Saints
  - Polygamous society (unpopular, so they were forced to move)
    - Brigham Young leads the resettlement in Utah
- Manifest Destiny: 1789-1853 (term not coined until mid 19th century)
  - Fulfillment to overspread the continent: growth of American nationalism
    - Argument that it was necessary to spread American freedom + democracy
  - Fueled by nationalism after the War of 1812, Louisiana Purchase
- The Texas Question: Texan Independence (1836-1845) and annexation
  - Mexico originally owns Texas since 1822, but US tries to buy it
    - Mexico declines, but invites US settlers into the region
    - As these settlers get more powerful, Mexico becomes more restrictive, leading to revolution and the new Texas state
  - Sam Houston, leader in Texas independence movement, appeals to Jackson for federal recognition
    - Jackson has problems with SC (also to avoid war with Mexico), so holds off