

- Preachers dispatched throughout the nation
  - Biggest contrast between preachers and people in 1840-civil war
- California
  - Developments (described on Blackboard) make it secular, but not as secular as other territories
- Politics
  - Change
  - Settlement of Northern frontier
  - Webster-Ashburton treaty
  - John O’Sullivan
    - \* Makes a speech to a bunch of women
    - \* Uses the term “Manifest Destiny” a lot
  - Election of 1840
  - Disastrous administration of Tyler
  - Neither Democrats nor Whigs like him
  - Annexation of Texas
    - \* Tyler attempting to use it as an excuse for staying in politics
    - \* Doesn’t work
  - Election of 1844
    - \* James K Polk elected
    - \* Annexation of Texas shortly follows
    - \* Politicians don’t realize that public opinion has swung in favor of Manifest Destiny
    - \* Van Buren shows up with support
    - \* Democratic party requires 2/3 majority to obtain nomination
    - \* This gives other politicians a chance to get it such as Polk
    - \* Polk is generally regarded as the first dark horse
    - \* Polk
      - Expansionist
      - Runs as an expansionist
      - Whigs don’t catch on to the fad quick enough
      - Clay eventually puts out a letter saying he endorses the annexation
      - Viewed as an ‘accommodater’

- “54-40 or fight”
- \* Continued Liberty party which started in 1840
  - Gets more votes this time
  - Draws votes away from the Whig mainly since abolitionists would have voted Whig
- Polk Administration
  - \* Annexes Texas and Oregon
  - \* Massive foreign issues with Great Britain and Mexico
  - \* Sends Buchanan to make a treaty: Buchanan-Pakenham Treaty
  - \* Instead of 54-40, 49th parallel
  - \* Pig war at Oregon 49th parallel (1859)
    - A Canadian pig breaks out and eats American potatoes
    - Americans convert pig to bacon
    - Britain and United States send troops
    - Lead to a standoff
    - Doesn’t actually lead to conflict
  - \* Also sends an emissary to Mexico City
    - Attempt to purchase Alta California
    - Trade with China is getting increasingly profitable
    - Opium wars
    - Britain shuts down Chinese resistance to trade
    - Opens up China
    - Notable one is Treaty of Won Jia (spelled variously, probably wrong here)
  - \* Push to lower tariff
  - \* Promises a significant point in Harpersville
  - \* Manifest Destiny becomes more significant in his policies after election
    - Never follows through with his promise to improve tariff
- Wilmot proviso
  - \* Polk gets to have the war
  - \* Can’t have the institution of slavery in any new states from the war
  - \* Leads to a division in Congress
  - \* Shifts war from issue about expansion to war over the expansion of slavery

- \* All northerners (both Whigs and Democrats) vote in favor of it
- \* All southerners (both Whigs and Democrats) vote against it
- Trade
  - Clipper ships created
    - \* Designed to go fast in order to get to the tea market first
    - \* Those with the fastest ship got the highest price
    - \* Some logged 22 knots
- War with Mexico
  - Polk orders to establish presence on the Rio Grande
  - New Mexican power: Centrales
  - Issues orders to evict the Americans
    - \* General never gets his troops to do so
    - \* That General gets sacked
    - \* Replacement goes to Rio Grande
  - April 24, 1846
    - \* 1600 Mexican troops kill 11 American dragoons and capture the rest of the small force
    - \* The military of the US responds directed by Polk
    - \* Polk looks for a declaration of war
      - Resisted by Whigs, most notably Abraham Lincoln
      - Requirement passed that the president must declare a spot in American territory where we were attacked
  - Bear Flag republic
  - Zachary Taylor moves to Monteray the provisional capital of Mexico
    - \* Shells it and it's a great victory

- \* Alarms Polk administration since Taylor is a nationalist
- \* Seen as a political threat
- \* Moves forces from Taylor to Winfield Scott
- \* Plan is Scott will win the war with an amphibious attack on Mexico city
- \* Scott is a Whig too, but idea is to spread popularity
- Santa Ana is contacted in Puerto Rico
  - \* Regains the presidency of Mexico with help from USA under condition that he returns the support
  - \* Decides to not follow through with this after gaining presidency
  - \* Puts together a massive army to repel the US
- Slavery
  - Democratic party splits
    - \* Hunkers and Barn Burners
    - \* Hunkers are okay with some slavery to get presidency
    - \* Barn Burners are willing to lose presidency to avoid slavery