

- Millerites
- Biddle creates his own bank
 - Detained for fraud
- Understanding that there is too much money
 - Pet banks not good
 - Pressure builds on congress so that everyone else gets deposits
 - Deposit act: spreads more money
- During the Van Buren administration
 - 1837 ruling made by Andrew Jackson's Chief Justice Roger Taney
 - * Boston outgrew Charles River bridge
 - * Charter issued to another bridge company, but the first one was a monopoly
 - * Charles River Bridge v River Bridge
 - * Rules that when there is an overriding public interest, contracts can be over-riden by the state
 - * Dampens Dartmouth case in history
- Whig Party
 - Unite to nominate William Henry Harrison (trivia: oldest candidate to this day)
 - Also put Tyler on the ticket to provide some balance/suck some democratic votes
 - Whigs had no platform, election of images/slogans
 - Harrison ran as a log cabin guy, drinking cider.
 - Marginal majority in popular vote, but a significant one in the electoral college
 - Harrison is a war hero, rides in the rain and gives a 3 hour inaugural address
 - Dies in less than a month.
 - John Tyler becomes president
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 - Pro slavery, out of sync with everything
 - Vetoes bill to return US Bank
 - Modified a bit, returned to Tyler: Vetoes
 - * Cabinet leaves
 - Tariff: Vetoes

- Only when government is running out of money does Tyler pass a tariff
- Whigs are distressed
 - * Initiate a move to impeach
 - * Fails in House 127-82
- 1842 De Facto revolt in RI
 - Two conflicting administrations
 - Call on the federal government to decide
 - Doerr's Revolt
 - Tyler decides to do nothing
 - Faced with this, RI does resolve it, but....
- Jacksonian Foreign Policy
 - European internal problems (revolt of 1848)
 - No real threat to the US
 - During John Quincy Adams' administration, movement to participate in a meeting put together by the South American states headed by Simon Bolivar
 - * Expands trade with South and Central America.
 - 1831 - 1834: Jackson disputes claims with France going back to quasi-war
 - * 1834 state of the union: bellicose messages
 - * French Government settles for mediation by Great Britain
 - * Settled in 1836
 - 1837 Caroline Incident
 - Settlement of the Northern Border 1828-1844
 - Creole affair
 - 1842 Webster-Asburton Treaty 1842
 - * Resolved Maine Border
- Election of 1844 coming
 - John Tyler realizes he has no chance for renomination from whigs
 - Turns to issue of annexation of Texas.
 - Enlists Calhoun to orchestrate it
 - Calhoun fumbles the campaign
 - When it gets into the press, Tyler's campaign is uber fail

- Second Great Awakening
 - 60 year religious cycles (theory)
 - Belief that man himself can do good and save himself by behaving better
 - Cane Ridge Revival Rally
 - * One of the first large manifestations of the second great awakening
 - Wave of religious revivals moves back from southern frontier to northern frontier
 - Shift from view of almighty god who controls you to the outlook that you control your destiny by what you do.
 - Rise of methodism and baptism
 - Greatest effect in economically stressed areas - notably upstate New York
 - * Referred to upstate New York (even then) as “Burned Over Area”
 - Charles Grandison Finney
 - * Riveting eyes
 - * Uses techniques which work
 - * Anxious bench
 - Scopes out people who are nervous about themselves and puts them up front
 - * Stops preaching around 1835
 - * Takes an offer to teach at Oberlin College
 - * Later becomes faculty
 - Other influential people
 - * Lyman Beecher, his son as well
 - 1816 - American Bible Society association formed
 - * Prints bibles and distributes them
 - Impact
 - * Social relief and outlet
 - * growth of many new denominations -> tolerance
 - New church founded by Joseph Smith:
 - * 1827: discovers buried tablets and based on those, in 1830 he deciphers them and writes the book of mormon
 - * Mormon Church to this day caters to those who are most disadvantaged
 - One should just keep a closet with food for 6 months to a year
 - * Mormons start to get persecuted, move out of burned over district, eventually move to southern Illinois

- (Later they'll move to Utah, but not yet)
 - * Proclaims Polygamy
 - Eventually it becomes unpopular even in Illinois
 - * When Smith says he'll run for president, he becomes political anathema
 - He gets arrested, then attempted to be hanged by a mob.
 - Jumps out of the window and gets shot down there instead.
 - Becomes a saint in the mormon faith
 - Free blacks are starting to coalesce at the same time
- Transcendentalism
 - Intensely romantic outlook
 - Belief that mankind can do something great
 - Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - * Frequent speaker/public persona in Massachussettes
 - * Perhaps a bit incoherent, but always vivid
 - Belief that you can rise out of society and commune with a great benign world force and penetrate the inner nature of things
 - Belief that being close to nature is more real and more important than anything else
 - Very emotional
 - Belief in trusting yourself instead of the government or others
 - Transcending material reality and physical understanding
 - Fufills the void in the second great awakening
 - Ex: Nathaniel Hawthorne is a transcendentalist, but doesn't always attend the meetings
 - Henry David Thoreau
 - * Takes Transcendentalism into action
 - * When Mexican-American War breaks out
 - It's not seen as a good war
 - It's a war of aggression
 - Refuses to pay taxes to protest the war
 - Essay "Civil Disobedience"
 - Justifies not paying his taxes
 - Still arrested, of course
 - Sent to jail

- He's there for a day, then he aunt bails him out.
 - * Best known for his masterpiece *Walden* (1854)
 - An account of his experiment living next to nature
- Will form groups to exchange ideas among themselves
- Some will become utopian communes which will arise as an escape from Jacksonian society
- Notable Journal (I think): *Dial*
- Average American drinking about 3x more than anyone does today
 - “Early to bed, early to rise” stops being applicable
 - American Temperent Society
 - * Pressue people to take the pledge to stop alcoholism
 - A number of these will spring up
 - Rise of the practice of wives checking for alcohol on husband's breath
 - *Ten Nights in a Bar Room*
 - * A very popular novel
 - * Each of the 10 nights was a disaster, of course
 - * Key themes
 - A drunk killed in a barwl
 - A drunk inadvertently kills his daughter
 - etc
 - *The Swell-Head*
 - * Drinking guys have big swollen heads
 - Massachussettes bans purchase of alcohol except in large quantities
 - * Stops drinking in taverns, since you can't drink that much
 - * Large quantity purchases used in animal husbandry
 - Neal Dow: an important figure
 - * Temperence
 - * Abolition
 - * Crime and Prisons

- * Women's Rights
- * Raised in a Quaker family and saw terrible alcohol impact
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