

- Technology
  - Making the world better
    - \* Example: personal firearms are improving and becoming easier to get
- Components of Manifest Destiny
  - God is on our side
  - American rule = freedom
    - \* Some truth
    - \* Democracies don't go to war as easily
  - Rising manufacturing
    - \* Foreign trade being extremely profitable
      - Opening of China and Japan
      - Mostly with Europe
      - Very little trade going to Far East
    - \* Clipper ships
  - Greed, prospect of wealth
- Polk Administration
  - Domestic Difficulties
    - \* Northern Democrats angry about tariff of 1846 ("Democratic Industries")
    - \* leading to Wilmot Proviso
  - Wilmot Proviso
    - \* Passes the House initially
    - \* Never passes the Senate, so never becomes law
- War with Mexico: May 1847-December 1848 b/c Mexicans are bm
  - The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
    - \* Mexicans give up California and what is now Western America
    - \* Acknowledges the annexation of Texas
    - \* Agrees that the border is the Rio Grande
    - \* Limit on further southern expansion
  - Fast forward
    - \* Gadsden Purchase to facilitate preferred railroad route to California
  - Establishes two pro-whigs' careers
    - \* Winfield Scott (Doesn't become president, but runs in 1852)

- \* Zachary Taylor (To become president in 1848)
- Overall, between Oregon and Southwest, the US approximately doubled in area
- Whigs convene in Philadelphia
  - Natural Candidate is still Henry Clay
    - \* But he's old and has lost 3 times already
  - Turn to Zachary Taylor for candidacy
  - Wilmot Proviso allows Whigs to appear anti-slavery
  - Zachary Taylor is a southerner
  - Runs with no platform at all
    - \* Proven successful with Harrison, lol
- Election of 1848
  - Democrats introduce Popular Sovereignty
    - \* Cass runs on this platform
    - \* The people decide whether a territory is slave or free
  - Free Soil Party first appears
  - Democrats are split
  - Taylor wins probably because of the split in the Democratic party
  - Wedge of anti-slavery is becoming larger (Votes for Free Soil)
- Sutter's Mill
  - Gold discovered
  - A Mormon businessman runs through the town with a bit of gold
  - Very successful business act
  - 25000 people arrive in 1849
  - By 1850, more than 100k Americans in California
    - \* Already set up local government
  - California goes out of control
  - Vigilantes spring up
  - Much pressure to be put on foreigners
  - Gold coins become more plentiful
- Hudson River School continues

- Artistic focus shifts to the west
- AnteBellum South
  - Country is growing apart
  - North and South are continually separating
  - Immigrants mainly come to the North leading to a very different society
  - In the South, you don't have to really get along with foreigners
  - 90
    - \* Cotton is very profitable
    - \* Expands rapidly
    - \* By 1860, 480k bales of cotton being produced
    - \* By 1840, cotton is half of the exports by value (not quantity)
    - \* 12 wealthiest per capita counties are in the South when Civil War starts (not including slaves)
  - Coal hasn't been found in the South yet
  - South stays agricultural rather than shift to manufacturing
  - Slave population skyrockets, mostly due to reproduction
  - At the start of civil war, raising slaves is just about as profitable as raising tobacco
  - Cotton can be interlaced with Corn
  - Cotton is in the deep south
  - Upper South
    - \* Tobacco declining
    - \* Technology which allows diversity
    - \* Discovery of Guano
    - \* Also new techniques such as crop rotation
    - \* Slave exports from Virginia peaks 1830-1839
      - Virginia growing slaves like a crop in this time period
  - White population
    - \* 60 percent Yeoman Farmer
    - \* 30 percent Slave Holders
    - \* 10 percent Piney Woods
    - \* By Civil War, slave holder population down to 25 percent
    - \* Less than 3 percent of total slave owners are "planters"
    - \* Most slave owners own only one or two slaves

- \* The small slave owners fail more often since they can't compete with big ones
- \* One fifth of the slaves aren't involved with agriculture
- \* Slave renting
  - Gives slaves a chance to earn money to purchase freedom
  - Some do so
- \* Some southern manufacturing, but very few for export
- \* Only one or two could compete with the northern manufacturing