

The American Yawp

Chapter 12 – Manifest Destiny

Quiz

1. The idea of Manifest Destiny meant which of the following?
 - a. The strength of American values and institutions justified moral claims to leadership
 - b. Lands on the North American continent west of the Mississippi River (and later into the Caribbean) were destined for political and agricultural improvement
 - c. God and the Constitution ordained an irrepressible destiny to accomplish redemption and democratization
 - d. All of the above
2. Seminole Indians were aided by what group during the Second Seminole War?
 - a. Cherokee Indians
 - b. Free blacks and escaped slaves
 - c. Spanish royal forces
 - d. British merchants
3. Why did Andrew Jackson, and most Americans, support Indian Removal?
 - a. Give white farmers access to fertile soil
 - b. Make it easier for Indians to convert to Christianity
 - c. Freeing up land for mining
 - d. All of the above
4. Tribal nations west of the Mississippi blended traditional cultural practices, including common land systems, with western practices including which of the following?
 - a. Constitutional governments
 - b. Public schools
 - c. Slavery
 - d. All of the above
5. Which of the following Native American groups most troubled Mexican authorities?
 - a. Comanche
 - b. Cherokee
 - c. Ojibwe
 - d. Seminole
6. What was the “cult of true womanhood?”
 - a. Social standards that emphasized piety, purity, domesticity, and submissiveness
 - b. An idea that challenged the notion of separate spheres
 - c. A radical religious group that advocated spiritual equality and sexual abstinence
 - d. A widely read poem that explained the role of women in a democratic society
7. What was Mexico’s position on slavery immediately prior to the Texas Revolution?

- a. Protecting slavery was a major cause of the Mexican Independence movement, so the Mexican government adopted a number of laws to protect and expand slaveholding
 - b. The Mexican government protected slavery and imprisoned abolitionists
 - c. There were hardly any slaves in Mexico, but it remained legal and rare through the 1850s
 - d. Mexico abolished slavery in 1829
8. Why didn't the United States immediately annex Texas?
- a. The U.S. feared that doing so would provoke a war with Mexico, as Mexico never fully acknowledged Texas independence
 - b. Concerns about the imbalance of adding a large slave state
 - c. Both because of concerns regarding war with Mexico and imbalance of adding a large slave state
 - d. The United States did annex Texas as soon as the Revolution was completed
9. What was the specific spark that ignited the Mexican-American War?
- a. The United States annexed Texas and Mexico invaded
 - b. The United States withdrew its ambassador from Mexico and Mexico invaded
 - c. American soldiers invaded Mexico in hopes of forcing the sale of California
 - d. Mexican cavalymen attacked U.S. soldiers in the disputed territory of the Nueces Strip
10. What term best describes newspaper coverage of the Mexican-American War?
- a. Vague
 - b. Divided
 - c. Supportive
 - d. All of the above
11. What were the consequences of the Mexican-American War?
- a. Added American territory
 - b. Elevated Zachary Taylor to the presidency
 - c. Provided a training round for future Civil War commanders
 - d. All of the above
12. The discovery of gold caused San Francisco's population to grow from about 500 in 1848 to almost _____ by 1853?
- a. 2,000
 - b. 5,000
 - c. 20,000
 - d. 50,000
13. The Monroe Doctrine was created partially as a response to which of the following international threats?
- a. Incursions from the Russians in the northwest portions of the North American continent
 - b. Fears of a Spanish reconquest of South America
 - c. Concerns over British abolitionists in the Caribbean

- d. All of the above
14. What was the primary goal of American foreign policy in the antebellum era?
- a. Acquisition of territory beyond the North American continent
 - b. Expansion of economic opportunity
 - c. Promotion of democratic revolutions
 - d. Growth of the trans-Atlantic slave trade
15. Which of the following nations experienced the most successful American filibustering endeavor?
- a. Cuba
 - b. Nicaragua
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Belize