

## AP United States History

### Study Guide for Exam # 5: Slavery, Manifest Destiny & Sectional Crisis

This study guide is written in a more detailed format in order to help you review the major concepts of this unit. I expect that you will review these items before our scheduled exam review day. Our time in class is limited and I will not be able to re-teach all of these items.

I also encourage you to use the practice questions on the Kennedy textbook website.

### Slavery and Abolitionism

#### Kennedy, Chapter 16

- How did slavery fundamentally change in the early 1800s, and why?
- Be sure that you understand the “Second Middle Passage” (internal slave trade) and why it is so critically important to this time period.
- Cotton gin; planter aristocracy; weakness of slave plantation system; social structure of the South (and cost of slavery)... remember our seminar?
- How did slaves respond to their condition? (revolts, slowing down work, religion, etc.)
- Rural vs. Urban slavery
- Understand the growing differences between the north and the south.
- Who was William Lloyd Garrison and what did he support?
- The American Anti-Slavery group, under the direction of William Lloyd Garrison, split because of a debate on the rights of which group of people?
- Know major abolitionists: David Walker, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth
- Liberty Party; Free-Soil Party
- Underground Railroad – who led it? who participated?
- Were free African Americans in the North able to accumulate any property?
- What was the goal of the American Colonization Society?

### Manifest Destiny

#### Kennedy, Chapter 17 and part of Chapter 18 / AMSCO, Chapter 12

- John Tyler’s presidency; use of the veto
- British tensions; *Caroline* incident
- How was the Maine border dispute settled? (Webster-Ashburton)
- Why did the United States not immediately annex Texas in 1836? Why was it annexed in 1845?
- Why did settlers flock to the Oregon Country? What did it have to offer?
- Know the Treaty of 1846 (what was the compromise?)
- Why was John Slidell sent by President Polk to Texas?
- How did the Mexican-American war start?
- Know the major campaigns of the war
- Where was the final American victory in the Mexican-American war?
- What did the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo state?
- What was the political significance of the Mexican-American war?
- What did the Wilmot Proviso state? Why is it significant?
- California Gold Rush – type of people moving out? political problems later?
- Why did the United States choose to purchase land from Mexico through the Gadsden agreement?
- What was the Ostend Manifesto?
- Why did “free-soilers” condemn slavery in the territories?

## ***Crisis of the 1850s***

### **Kennedy, Chapters 18 and 19 / AMSCO, Chapter 13**

- Election of 1848: details, issue of slavery?
- Great Debate of 1850: know the major arguments of Calhoun and Webster
- Compromise of 1850 – what did it state? Why was it alarming to the North / South? (details)
- Who was Harriet Beecher Stowe? Why is she significant? Intent of her book?
- Who was George Fitzhugh? What argument did he represent?
- Election of 1852
- Why did the Whig Party decline in the early 1850s?
- What was popular sovereignty and how did it apply to the slavery issue?
- Kansas-Nebraska Act and Stephen Douglas – why? what happened? significance? what was overturned?
- Why was the caning of Charles Sumner important?
- Bleeding Kansas and the Lecompton Constitution
- Election of 1856 – why did James Buchanan win?
- Who were nativists? What party did they create?
- What was the Republican Party's platform in the mid-1850s with regards to slavery? (were they committed to immediate abolition?)
- Panic of 1857 and the desire for a higher tariff
- Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857) – know the details: Chief Justice; details of the decision; impact and significance
- Why was John Brown's raid significant? What was the reaction in the North? What was the reaction in the South? (Who were "Brown-loving Republicans"?)
- What was William Henry Seward's argument towards slavery in the mid-1850s? Stephen Douglas's? Abraham Lincoln's?
- Lincoln-Douglas Debates 1858, Freeport Doctrine
- Know the four candidates in the Election of 1860 – party? Region? Argument? Platform? Reaction to the Lincoln's victory?
- How did Buchanan react to the secession of the lower South?
- Why did Abraham Lincoln oppose the Crittenden Compromise?
- Why did the Lower South secede from the Union? Why the Upper South?
- Reasons for secession...
- Recognizing that slavery is the key issue for secession, what was the main reason that the North went to war with the South?