

I. The Accession of “Tyler Too”

A. William Henry Harrison’s death

B. Tyler’s move up to the presidency: difficulties as president and his views of the tariff, bank, and internal improvements

II. **John Tyler: A President Without a Party**

A. Whigs’ battle with Tyler over the bank—results

B. Whigs’ battle with Tyler over the tariff bill—Tyler’s position and result

III. A War of Words with Britain

A. Anti-British feeling: why/examples

B. The *Caroline Affair* between America and Britain: what happened/impact/result

IV. Manipulating the Maine Maps

A. What caused the **Aroostook “War”**?

B. How the conflict was resolved between England and the U.S.

V. **The Lone Star of Texas Shines Alone**

A. How Mexico viewed the independence of Texas

B. Britain’s role in the Texas/Mexico controversy

C. British abolitionists—their role in conflict

D. The role of British manufacturers in the conflict

VI. The Belated Texas Nuptials

A. Election of Polk as President in 1844: his view regarding the annexation of Texas

B. Why some Americans opposed annexing Texas

C. **The method Tyler used to get Texas annexed—why he used this method**

D. What is the author's attitude toward the Americans making Texas part of the U.S.?

VII. Oregon Fever Populates Oregon

A. Boundaries of Oregon Country

B. The four nations that claimed Oregon Country and what transpired with each of them regarding Oregon:

1. Spain

2. Russia

3. U.S.

4. Britain

C. Upon what did the Americans base their claim to Oregon? Upon what did the British base their claim to Oregon?

D. **Terms of Oregon Treaty of 1818**

VIII. A Mandate (?) for Manifest Destiny

A. Presidential candidates of 1844: Henry Clay and James K. Polk—qualifications

B. Important role of “**Manifest Destiny**” in this election—explain concept and how each party stood on the issue of Manifest Destiny

C. Results of election and how the winners interpreted their victory

D. Tyler's important action during his last week in office

IX. Polk the Purposeful—He met his goals:

A. Tariff—what he did

B. Independent Treasury—what he did

C. Settlement of the Oregon dispute

1. What Polk had promised regarding Oregon during his election campaign (slogan)

2. What he proposed regarding Oregon and why the British accepted the proposal

3. Why the U.S. settled for less of the Oregon Country than originally desired—and why the U.S. insisted upon obtaining all of Texas

X. Misunderstandings with Mexico

A. Reasons why the U.S. (and Polk) wanted **control of California**

B. Why Mexico refused to sell California to the U.S.

C. Boundary dispute with Mexico: explain

D. Role of John Slidell/Mexico's reaction

XI. American Blood on American (?) Soil

A. The two issues that Polk planned to use regarding a declaration of war against Mexico

B. Why he didn't use these issues to declare war—what he used instead

C. Lincoln's "**spot**" **resolutions**—what they were

XII. The Mastering of Mexico

A. **Stephen Kearny's** role in the Mexican War

B. **General Zachary Taylor** and the Battle at Buena Vista—result

C. **General Winfield Scott's** role in the Mexican War

XIII. Fighting Mexico for Peace

A. **Nicholas P. Trist**—his role in the Mexican War

B. Terms of the Treaty of **Guadalupe Hidalgo** (February 2, 1848)

C. What were the two major groups that condemned the treaty and why

#### XIV. Profit and Loss in Mexico

A. Land gained

**B. Relationship of the Mexican War to the upcoming Civil War**

C. Effect of Mexican War on how foreign powers viewed the U.S.

D. Effect of the Mexican War on U.S. relations with Mexico

E. Effect of the Mexican War on the slavery controversy

F. **Wilmot Proviso** (introduced at the beginning of the war)

1. What it was

2. Why it never passed

G. Why is the Mexican War sometimes called ‘Santa Anna’s revenge’ if the Americans won?????

#### XV. The Californios

A. Who were the **Californios**?

B. Impact of Mexico gaining independence from Spain in 1821:

1. Effect on the missions

2. Effect on the Californios

C. Impact of the Mexican War and the American victory on the Californios

D. Californios during the Civil War