

## Ch. 17 Reading Guide: Manifest Destiny & Its Legacy (pg. 363-379)

### Learning Targets

*Target # 1: I can identify examples of how the United States began to develop a modern democracy and a new national culture, and list examples of technology, agriculture, and commerce that began to shape regional identities, and list the political, social and economic issues faced by the U.S. as it expanded its borders.*

*Target # 2: I can explain (using historical thinking skills) how the United States began to develop a modern democracy and a new national culture, and explain (using historical thinking skills) examples of technology, agriculture, and commerce that began to shape regional identities, and describe the political, social and economic issues faced by the U.S. as it expanded its borders.*

### Big Ideas:

- Popular enthusiasm for U.S. expansion, bolstered by economic and security interests, resulted in the acquisition of new territories, substantial migration westward, and new overseas initiatives.
- Advocates of annexing western lands argued that Manifest Destiny and the superiority of American institutions compelled the United States to expand its borders westward to the Pacific Ocean.
- The U.S. added large territories in the West through victory in the Mexican-American War and diplomatic negotiations, raising questions about the status of slavery, American Indians, and Mexicans in the newly acquired lands.

**Prediction Statement (50 words or less):** What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

### Key Questions:

**The Accession of “Tyler Too” + John Tyler: A President Without a Party (pg. 363-364)**

Know: John Tyler, Whig Party, William Henry Harrison

**1. Why was John Tyler heavily criticized by his ‘own’ Whig party upon his rise to the Presidency?**

*(consider the Whig political platform)*

**Manipulating the Maine Maps (pg. 365-366)**

Know: Aroostook War, Lord Ashburton

**2. Why did the U.S. and Britain come to blows...again?**

**3. How did the U.S. benefit from the conflict?**

**The Lone Star of Texas Shines Alone (pg. 366)**

Know: Texas Republic, Monroe Doctrine

**4. Why did European countries such as Britain and France push for an independent Texas?**

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<p><b><u>The Belated Texas Nuptials (pg. 366-368)</u></b> Know: Republic of Texas, John Tyler, James K. Polk <b>5. What issues arose upon the annexation of Texas (1845) by the United States?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Oregon Fever Populates Oregon + A Mandate for Manifest Destiny (pg. 368-370)</u></b> Know: Oregon Territory, 54 40', Manifest Destiny <b>6. What was Manifest Destiny in regards to the United States?</b></p> <p><b>7. Briefly explain the slogan "54 40 or Fight."</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Polk the Purposeful (pg. 370-371)</u></b> Know: James K. Polk, Walker Tariff, 54 40' <b>8. What were the four key points of Polk's presidential agenda?</b></p> <p><b>9. How was the 'Oregon conflict' finally solved between Britain and the U.S.?</b></p>	
<p><b><u>American Blood on American(?) Soil (p. 373)</u></b> Know: Abraham Lincoln, spot resolutions <b>10. Why might the beginnings of the Mexican-American War (1846) have been controversial?</b></p>	

