

Exercise walk-through

# 5.2

## Manifest Destiny

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AP United States History

## Manifest Destiny and Expansion

Period 5 runs from 1844 to 1877. Disputes over slavery and federal power intensified into civil war and continued during Reconstruction.

Advocates justified annexation through **Manifest Destiny** – the claim that the United States was destined, and superior enough, to spread across the continent.

## Expansion: what it added, and what it cost

### the Mexican-American War

added **enormous territory** in the West, and with it the question of whether slavery would follow

### the Homestead Act

wartime legislation that gave settlers land, accelerating settlement of the plains

### Mexican Americans

people already living on the annexed land – their property and legal rights were repeatedly disputed

### American Indians

government interaction produced **displacement and violence** as settlement advanced

### the resources

**natural and mineral** wealth drew migrants and capital, and set the pattern of Western economies

Expansion sharpened disputes over slavery and federal power; explain the decisions and responses that intensified conflict.

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- access to natural and mineral resources; hope of economic opportunities; religious refuge
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- that Manifest Destiny and the superiority of American institutions compelled the United States to expand its borders westward to the Pacific Ocean

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- new legislation promoting western transportation and economic development

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- that it frequently provoked competition and violent conflict, so the CED records the cost alongside the claim