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AP U.S. History – Reading Notes

CHAPTER 17

Manifest Destiny and Its Legacy, 1841–1848

**Chapter Themes**

**Theme:** American expansionism gained momentum in the 1840s, leading first to the acquisition of Texas and Oregon, and then to the Mexican War, which added vast southwestern territories to the United States and ignited the slavery question.

**Theme:** American international prestige grows as the United States expands. Successful military campaigns against Mexico along with well-negotiated treaties with Britain force Europe to respect America more, while Latin America begins to be wary of the Colossus of the North.

**PEOPLE, PLACES, AND TERMS**

1. Henry Clay

2. Aroostook War

3. Daniel Webster

4. James K. Polk

5. John C. Fremont

6. Rio Grande

7. Zachary Taylor

8. Santa Anna

9. Nicholas Trist

10. David Wilmot

**CHAPTER 17 STUDY GUIDE**

The Accession of “Tyler Too”







John Tyler: A President without a Party



A War of Words with Britain



Manipulating the Maine Maps



The Lone Star of Texas Shines Alone



The Belated Texas Nuptials



Oregon Fever Populates Oregon



A Mandate (?) for Manifest Destiny



Polk the Purposeful



Misunderstandings with Mexico



American Blood on American (?) Soil



The Mastering of Mexico



Fighting Mexico for Peace



Profit and Loss in Mexico