America Moves West
and Matures
in the Process

Timeline of Events
1834 - Philadelphia race riots
1835 – Second Seminole War (ends 1842)
1836 – National Bank System disappears
1836 – “Gage rule” does not allow discussion of Slavery in Congress
1836 - The Alamo
1837 – Panic of 1837
1837 - Sam Houston, President of the new nation, Texas
1838 – Trail of Tears
1839 – Depression of 1839 (ends 1843)
1839 - Married Women’s Property Law in Mississippi
1841 - Amistad case before the Supreme Court
1843 - The Oregon Trail and the Great Migration
1844 - The first telegraph lines
1845 - Texas statehood
1846 - War with Mexico
1846 - Brigham Young leads Mormons to Salt Lake City
1846 - Canadian-U.S. boundary established
1848 - Mexico surrenders and the Treaty of Guadalupe
1849 - Gold discovered in California

The Migration of Slavery Map
The Migration of Slavery West
• In the 1830’s Indian removal opened the “black belt”
• 1860 US produced ¾ of worlds cotton supply
• South’s migration did not stimulate internal markets
• Lower south was known for its diseases
• Upper south changed to wheat and corn
• South
  – 84% of the labor force in agriculture 1860
  – 1 in 10 lived in cities

Immigration to America Map
Immigration to the United States Chart
Immigration to America
• 50 million Europeans immigrate to Western Hemisphere
• Approximately 2.5 million immigrants enter US between 1830 and 1850
  – Irish (Ireland)
  – England and Scotland
  – Germany
  – Scandinavia
• Ireland an “English colony”
  – 1845 Potato Famine
– Irish were poor Roman Catholics

Immigration to America Map
The Overland Trails Map
Migration Westward
  • Great Migration of 1843 begins settlement of Oregon Territory
    – Travel in small groups of wagons
    – Cost about $600 in supplies
    – Trip was hardest on women
  • Indians rarely attacked a wagon trains

Manifest Destiny Quote

The Texas Revolution Map
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Texas Becomes a State
  • American population doubles in every 22 years
  • In the 1830’s 600,000 immigrants would enter America
  • Western land sales
    – 3.5 million acres in 1818
    – Land Act of 1820
    – Speculators sold on Credit
  • Movement from Upper South to Lower South
  • Austin Family settles Mexico starting 1821

The Mexican War Map (1846-1848)
Mexican-American War 1846-1848
  • 1845 Texas admitted as slave state
  • Boundary of Mexico-US in Nueces River and not Rio Grande
  • Polk attempts to buy Northern Mexico
  • January 1846 In Polk orders Zachary Taylor to Rio Grande
    – April both Armies clash
    – President Paredes orders defensive War
    – May 11th Polk asks for war
  • US launches

Mexican-American War 1846-1848
  • Bear Flag Revolt June 1846 takes Texas
  • General Stephen Kearney attacks New Mexico
– Kearney passed though southern Arizona and into southern California

• 1847 Winfield Scott lands at Vera Cruz
• Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo March 1848
  – Give up claim to Texas
  – Rio Grande as national Boundary
  – Cede California and New Mexico
  – Mexico receives $18,250,000

• The specter of Sectionalism will rise once again

Opposition to the Mexican War Quote
The Wilmot Proviso 1846 Map
The Compromise of 1850 Map
The California Gold Rush, 1849

• James Marshall discovers gold along the James River
• 1848 – 1849 California’s population jumps from 14,000 to 100,000
  – In 1860 it was 380,000
  – 80% of miners were America
  – 1849-1854 45,000 Chinese migrated to California
  – Mostly unmarried
  – “A smart woman can do very well”

• Foreigner Miners Tax 1850
• Mexican’s and Chinese run off claims
• Indian’s killed indiscriminately
• In 1856 San Francisco was 50,000 strong