“Westward the Course of Empire!”
Whose Manifest Destiny?

“Old Hickory”

- Self-Made Man from TN — slave owner
- War of 1812
- Battle of Horseshoe Bend against Red Stick Creek Indians
- New Orleans — and the
- Fought in
  - "I'm sorry, Mrs. Jackson"
  - "rattled like a bag of marbles"
- Inauguration Day Ice Cream Party
- Say Cheese, Mr. President
- White House Carpet
- Assassination Attempt
- Funeral Oration
- Property Qualifications to Vote Removed
- Symbolism of Jackson!

“Old Hickory”

- Jackson as President (1829-37)
  - as opposition party
  - — strengthens his presidency
  - vetoes in 2 terms
Presidential Power & the Trail of Tears
- Louisiana Purchase — motive?
  - Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole
  - All “candidates” for
- Land Ceding and Removal (1820-18)
  - Gold in Georgia, 1829
  - Indian Removal Act, 1830
  - Cherokee Nation v. Georgia (1830) & Worcester v. Georgia
- Jackson — “John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it.”
  - 4,000 Cherokees die en route

Questions to Consider:
- Is it better to have a president who bends or breaks laws to get things done, or to have one that has limited powers and gets less accomplished?
- What kinds of consequences will American expansion have upon the nation, Native Americans, and other nations?
- What kinds of ecological problems come from American expansion (effects on the environment and animals)?
- Pres. Monroe — European invasion of W. Hemisphere = "virtual act of war"

American Expansion
- America’s special mission
  - "Obvious destiny" to spread coast-to-coast

The American Imperative
Conquest of Texas

- Mexican Revolution, 1821
  - President “for life”
  - Funeral for Prosthetic leg in Mex-American War
  - Staten Island
  - Mexico’s Illegal Immigrant Crisis
  - move to Mexico illegally
  - Become Mexican citizens
  - Must convert to Catholicism
  - Cannot introduce slavery
- Texas Rising, 1836

Texas Revolt

Politics of Manifest Destiny

- Texas = Independent Republic, 1836-45
- President invites US to Texas (add the territory)
- 1844, Pres (Southern) California to disputed land
- Mexicans had “shed blood upon American soil”
Mexican-American War, 1846-1848

Protest:
- On Civil Disobedience
  - "Allow the president to invade a neighboring country whenever he shall deem it necessary to repel an invasion, and you allow him to make war at pleasure."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson — Acquiring Mexico would be like "swallowing arsenic"
- Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo

Assess Manifest Destiny: Did the United States accomplish its mission of expansion while also living up to American ideals?