

Chapter #16: The South and the Slavery Controversy – Big Picture Themes

1. Cotton ran the South before the Civil War— it was "King Cotton." The entire southern economy was based on cotton.
2. The South had developed a pyramid-like social structure. From top-to-bottom: planter aristocrats, small farmers, the white majority (who owned no slaves), free blacks, slaves.
3. Life as a slave could be wildly varied—some slave owners were kind toward their slaves, some were immensely cruel. In all situations, slaves were not free to do as they pleased.
4. Abolition (move to abolish slavery) began with the Quakers. Frederick Douglass became the main spokesman against slavery. And William Lloyd Garrison printed "The Liberator", a radical abolition newspaper.
5. Southerners countered that northern workers were treated even worse than slaves. Slave owners, they said, had a vested interest in their slaves. Northern factory workers exploited then fired their workers.

IDENTIFICATIONS:

Nat Turner

Sojourner Truth

Theodore Dwight Weld

Harriet Beecher Stowe

William Lloyd Garrison

David Walker

GUIDED READING QUESTIONS:

"Cotton is King!"

Know: Eli Whitney, Cotton Gin

1. What is meant by "Cotton is King?" How did its sovereignty extend beyond the South? What implications did its rule have?

The Planter "Aristocracy"

Know: Chivalry

2. In what ways was the south "basically undemocratic?"

Slaves and the Slave System

Know: One crop economy

3. What were the weaknesses of the South's dependence on cotton?

The White Majority

Know: Yeoman Farmer, hillbilly

4. Why did many whites who did not own slaves support slavery?

Free Blacks: Slaves Without Masters

Know: Emancipate, mulattoes

5. Would it have been better to be a free Black in the North or in the South? Explain.

Plantation Slavery

Know: Chattel, natural increase, Harriet Beecher Stowe

6. "...planters regarded slaves as investments [like a mule]...." Explain what was positive and what was negative about this situation for slaves.

Life Under the Lash

Know: Overseer, breaker, Old South, Deep South

7. Give evidence to show that slaves developed a separate, unique culture. What circumstances made this possible?

The Burdens of Bondage

Know: Peculiar institution, Gabriel Prosser, Denmark Vesey, Nat Turner

8. Thomas Jefferson once said that having slaves was like holding a wolf by the ears, you didn't like it but you couldn't let go. How does this section help to explain this statement?

Early Abolitionism

Know: Abolition, The American Colonization Society, Theodore Weld, Arthur and Lewis Tappan, Harriet Beecher Stowe

9. Describe some of the early abolitionists.

Radical Abolitionism

Know: William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, David Walker, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass

10. How were the attitudes of William Lloyd Garrison and Frederick Douglass different? When dealing with an issue that is moral and political, how rigid should a person be?

The South Lashes Back

11. How did the South defend itself against the attacks of abolitionists?

The Abolitionist Impact in the North

12. How did Northerners view abolitionists? Did they have any success?

Chapter #17: Manifest Destiny and Its Legacy – Big Picture Themes

1. A boundary dispute with England over Maine was settled peacefully. In the long run, the U.S. likely got the better end of the deal.
2. Texas finally joined the U.S. Since the Texas revolution, it'd been hanging in the balance. American lawmakers finally decided it was too good of a prize to let slip by, so it was annexed in 1845
3. Oregon was next on the list of lands to seal up. It was shared land, mainly between the U.S. and England. After some negotiating over the border, the 49th parallel was agreed upon. Again, the U.S. likely got the better.
4. The election of 1844 saw James K. Polk run on a Manifest Destiny platform. Americans liked the idea, voted him in, and he went after California.
5. When the Mexican-American war was over, the prize of California that Polk had wanted, was obtained. So was all of the modern American Southwest.

IDENTIFICATIONS:

John Tyler

Slidell's Mission

John C. Fremont

Manifest Destiny

James K. Polk

Webster-Ashburton Treaty

Spot Resolution

The Tariff of 1842

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Wilmot Proviso

GUIDED READING QUESTIONS:

The Accession of "Tyler Too"

Know: William Henry Harrison, John Tyler

1. "Yet Tyler...should never have consented to run on the ticket." Explain this quote from your text.

John Tyler: A President Without a Party

Know: "His Accidency," Henry Clay

2. What proof can you give of Tyler's unpopularity? What did Tyler do that made Whigs so angry with him?

A War of Words with England

Know: *Caroline, Creole*

3. Explain at least four causes of tension between the US and Great Britain in the 1830's and 1840's.

Manipulating the Maine Maps

Know: Aroostook War, Lord Ashburton, Daniel Webster

- 4. What was the result of the Ashburton-Webster Treaty?**

The Lone Star of Texas Shines Alone

Know: Lone Star Republic

- 5. How did Mexico view Texas from 1836 to 1845?**

The Belated Texas Nuptials

Know: Conscience Whigs

- 6. Why did some hesitate to annex Texas? Why was it finally admitted to the Union?**

Oregon Fever Populates Oregon

Know: 54 40', Willamette Valley, Oregon Trail

- 7. What change with Oregon from 1819 to 1844 caused the British to become more willing to negotiate a final boundary?**

A Mandate (?) for Manifest Destiny

Know: James K. Polk, Dark Horse

- 8. What part did Manifest Destiny play in the 1844 election?**

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Misunderstandings with Mexico

Know: John Slidell, Nueces River

10. What were the sources of the strained relationship between the U.S. and Mexico?

American Blood on American (?) Soil

Know: Zachary Taylor, Spot Resolutions

11. Explain some of the reasons Congress declared war on Mexico.

The Mastering of Mexico

Know: Stephen Kearney, John C. Fremont, Bear Flag Republic, Winfield Scott

12. What battles were fought to defeat Mexico?

Fighting Mexico for Peace

Know: Nicholas P. Trist, Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

13. Why did some people oppose the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?

Profit and Loss in Mexico

Know: Wilmot Proviso

14. What positive and negative outcomes resulted for the United States from the Mexican-American War?

Chapter #18: Renewing the Sectional Struggle – Big Picture Themes

1. The main question facing the nation was, “Will new lands won from Mexico have slaves or be free?”
2. The answer to the question was hammered out in the Compromise of 1850. It said California was to be free, popular sovereignty (the people decide) for the rest of the lands.
3. A tougher fugitive slave law was a major concession to the South, but it wasn’t enforced. This angered the Southerners.
4. The North—South rift was widened with the Kansas-Nebraska Act. It repealed the Missouri Compromise which had kept the peace for a generation. In its place, popular sovereignty opened the Great Plains to potential slavery. Whereas the slave-land issue had been settled, now it was a big question mark.

IDENTIFICATIONS:

Stephen Douglas

Franklin Pierce

Compromise of 1850

Zachary Taylor

John C. Calhoun

Matthew C. Perry

Henry Clay

Free-Soil Party

Fugitive Slave Law

Harriet Tubman

Compromise of 1850

Ostend Manifesto

Kansas-Nebraska Act

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