

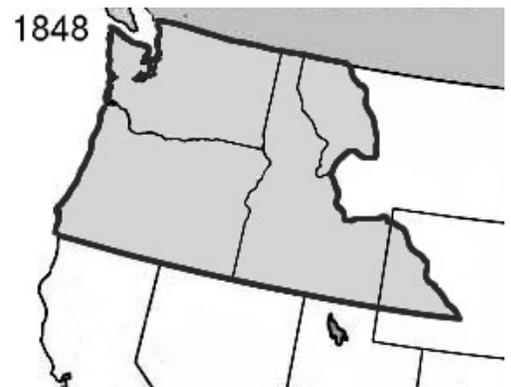
CHAPTER 12 – Westward Expansion

- *Plebiscite* – people vote directly on an issue
- *Initiative* – people begin (“initiate”) process of a bill being introduced
- *Referendum* – people vote directly on a bill
- *Manifest Destiny* – idea that it was obviously (“manifestly”) the US's “destiny” to stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans
- *Expansionists* – wanted to expand country, (Manifest Destiny); some thought we should take Mexico and maybe the *whole continent!*

OREGON COUNTRY:

missionaries:

- Marcus & Narcissa Whitman
 - led “Great Migration” to West
 - initiated *Oregon Trail*
 - ➔ *hundreds of thousands used it to go west*
 - ➔ *ca. 1841-1869*
 - killed in Indian uprising (*measles epidemic*)
- Henry & Eliza Spalding (nearby friends)



TEXAS REVOLUTION

Background:

- Mexico gained independence from Spain (1830)
- Texas was part of Mexico

- Stephen Austin brought 1000's of Americans in
 - “Father of Texas”
- Mexico restricts settlers' liberties
- 1834 – Santa Anna assumes dictatorship of Mexico
- civil war follows in Mexico, spills into Texas
 - The Alamo (mission turned fort) – massacre
 - ✓ Davy Crockett
 - ✓ Jim Bowie
 - ✓ Col. Wm. Barrett Travis
 - Santa Anna captured at Battle of San Jacinto (1836)
 - (*Santa Anna will keep reappearing*)
 - Texas – the “Lone Star Republic”
 - (former general) Sam Houston becomes 1st president, seeks to join US; Jackson won't risk war w/ Mexico

expansionism:

- Texas admitted 1845
- James K. Polk elected “54°40' or fight!”
- Santa Anna – border dispute – raiding US settlements in southern Texas
- US couldn't fight Britain & Mexico at once
- peace w/Britain (49th parallel), war w/ Mexico

MEXICAN WAR

1845: US annexes Texas

Mexico breaks off diplomatic relations w/ US

Border dispute ensues...

- *Zachary Taylor* (“*Old Rough & Ready*”) sent to protect Texas border – goes to Rio Grande – *disputed territory*
- ✓ *Californians revolt in summer of 1846*



- ✓ *Bear Flag Republic, then quick annexation*
- ✓ *gold discovered 1849, population rush, statehood in 1850*
- Taylor quickly “frees” Texas
- *General Winfield Scott* – 1st amphibious landing @ Veracruz
- Took Mexico City; Santa Anna surrenders (!!!!)
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
 - ✓ Rio Grande is Texas border
 - ✓ US gains *CA, AZ, NV, UT, NM*, & more
 - ✓ US pays (paltry sum of) \$15M (+ pays US citizens' claims)
- Gadsden Purchase*: later, US buys narrow strip of desert land to build RR for \$10M (!!!!)



- NET RESULTS of all this "stuff:"
 - *US gains 500,000 sq. miles*
 - *South gain military experience...*