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Manifest Destiny
STAAR Prep Questions

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1. Which event was most influenced by the American belief in "Manifest Destiny"?
 - a. The start of the U.S. Mexican War
 - b. Cherokee march along "Trail of Tears"
 - c. Defeat of Britain in the American Revolution
 - d. Acquisition of Florida

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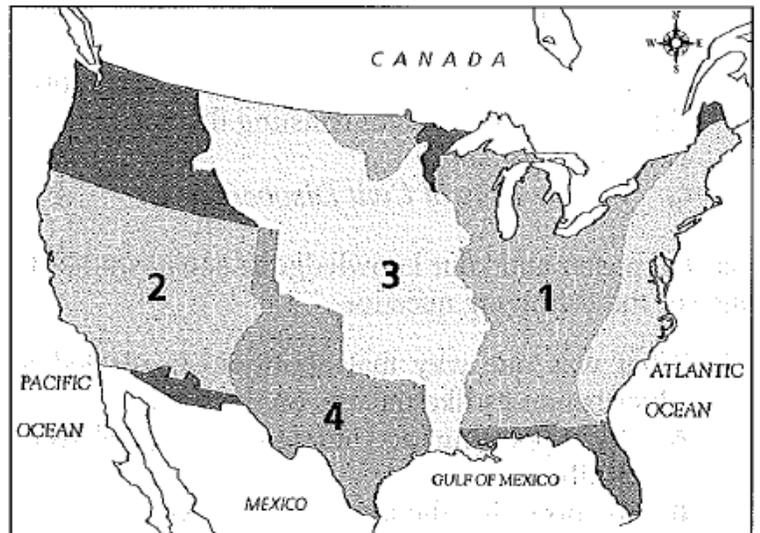
2. What was the main goal of supporters of "Manifest Destiny" in the 1840s?
 - a. To convince Canada to become part of the United States
 - b. To expand United States territory to the Pacific Ocean
 - c. To build a canal across Central America
 - d. To acquire naval bases in the Caribbean

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*******Use the map to answer questions 3 and 4.*******

3. Which area on the map was annexed by the United States in 1845?
 - a. Area 1
 - b. Area 2
 - c. Area 3
 - d. Area 4

4. Which area on the map was part of the Mexican Cession?
 - a. Area 1
 - b. Area 2
 - c. Area 3
 - d. Area 4



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5. What did the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the annexation of Texas in 1845, and the U.S.-Mexican War of 1846 have in common?
- They all brought about a war of Spain.
 - They all increased the territory of the United States.
 - They all resulted in territory being taken from the United States.
 - They all involved land forcibly taken from Mexico.

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6. How did the Texas War for independence differ from the U.S.-Mexican War?
- One involved fighting Mexico for independence, the other did not.
 - One led to an eventual increase in the land area of the United States, the other led to a surrender of land.
 - One began as a border dispute with Mexico, the other involved France.
 - One began over the issue of slavery in the West, the other involved a border dispute.

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7. Which statement best explains the main reason why many Irish immigrants decided to migrate to the United States in the nineteenth century?
- They came in search of gold and silver.
 - They came because of religious wars in Ireland.
 - They came as a result of the Irish Potato Famine.
 - They came to convert American settlers to Catholicism.

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8. In 1844, the Democrats nominated James Polk, who ran on a platform favoring –
- Reopening the international slave trade
 - Renewing peace negotiations with Mexico
 - Acquisition of Oregon and Texas
 - Purchasing Florida from Spain

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9. What popular belief of the American people in the mid-1800s is best illustrated by the image below?

- a. The American people must be respectful and live in harmony with American Indians.
- b. The American people are destined to expand the nation westward.
- c. The American people need to return to their roots and live on family farms.
- d. The American people must turn their backs on old European powers if they are to succeed.



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10. How did the Oregon Territory officially become part of the United States?

- a. It was bought from France, as it was part of the territory that changed hands with the Louisiana Purchase.
- b. It was part of the Mexican Cession, which was territory gained following the U.S.- Mexican War.
- c. It was purchased from Russia, which had previously established fur trading posts there.
- d. It was signed over by Britain in a treaty, ending decades of joint occupation by the two countries.

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11. Why did the concept of Manifest Destiny develop in the United States?

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12. What motivated many pioneers to migrate to the American West?

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13. How did westward expansion effect the American Indians in the West?

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14. What caused the outbreak of the U.S.-Mexican War?

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15. What land did the U.S. gain in the peace settlement of the U.S.-Mexican War?

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