

Chapter 17 Vocabulary

1. Tariff of 1842
2. *Caroline*
3. *Creole*
4. Aroostook War
5. Manifest Destiny
6. "Fifty-four Forty or Fight"
7. Liberty Party
8. Walker Tariff
9. Spot Resolutions
10. California Bear Flag Republic
11. Battle of Buena Vista
12. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
13. Conscience Whigs
14. Wilmot Proviso

- a. Belief that the US was destined by God to spread its "empire of liberty" across North America. Served as a justification for mid-19th century expansionism
- b. Revenue-enhancing measure that lowered tariffs from 1842 levels
- c. Series of clashes between American and Canadian lumberjacks in the disputed territory of northern Maine. A permanent boundary was agreed upon in 1842
- d. Ended the war with Mexico. Mexico agreed to cede territory reaching north west from Texas to Oregon in exchange for \$18.25 million in cash and assumed debts
- e. Slogan adopted by mid-19th century expansionists who advocated the occupation of Oregon territory, jointly held by Britain and the US. President Polk settled on the 49 parallel as a compromise with the British
- f. Diplomatic row between the US and Britain. Developed after British troops set fire to an American steamer carrying supplies across the Niagara River to Canadian insurgents, during Canada's short-lived insurrection
- g. Key American victory in the Mexican-American War. Helped secure General Zachary Taylor's success in the 1848 presidential election
- h. Protective measure passed by congressional Whigs, raising tariffs to pre-Compromise of 1833 rates
- i. Anti-slavery party that sought the eventual abolition of slavery, but in the short term hoped to halt the expansion of slavery into the territories and abolish the domestic slave trade
- j. Short-lived California republic, established by local American settlers who revolted against Mexico.
- k. Amendment that sought to prohibit slavery from territories acquired from Mexico. The failed amendment ratcheted up tensions between North and South over the issue of slavery
- l. American ship captured by a group of rebelling VA slaves. The slaves successfully sought asylum in the Bahamas, raising fears among Southern planters that the West Indies would become a safe haven for runaway slaves
- m. Measures introduced by Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln questioning President James K. Polk's justification for war with Mexico. Lincoln requested that Polk clarify precisely where Mexican forces had attacked American troops
- n. Northern Whigs who opposed slavery on moral grounds. They sought to prevent the annexation of Texas as a slave state.