The Impending Crisis: Looking Westward, Expansion and War, The Sectional Debate

*Please pay attention to these **Themes:***
- **NAT.3.0** Analyze how ideas about national identity changed in response to U.S. involvement in international conflicts and the growth of the United States.
- **NAT-4.0** Analyze relationships among different regional social, ethnic, and racial groups, and explain how these groups' experiences have related to U.S. national identity.
- **POL-1.0** Explain how and why political ideas, beliefs, institutions, party systems, and alignments have developed and changed.
 POL-2.0 Explain how popular movements, reform efforts, and activist groups have sought to change American society and institutions.
- **CUL-4.0** Explain how different groups identities, including racial, ethnic, class, and regional identities, have emerged and changed over time.
- **MIG-1.0** Explain the causes of migration to colonial North America and, later, the United States, and analyze immigration's effects on U.S. society.
- **MIG-2.0** Analyze causes of internal migration and patterns of settlement in what would become the United States, and explain how migration has affected American life.
- **GEO-1.0** Explain how geographic and environmental factors shaped the development of various communities, and analyze how competition for and debates over natural resources have affected both interactions among different groups and the development of government policies.
- **WOR-1.0** Explain how cultural interaction, cooperation, competition, and conflict between empires, nations, and peoples have influenced political, economic, and social developments in North America.

Brinkley's Section Introduction "Looking Westward":
Pay attention to how Brinkley quantifies the territory gained during this period, what kind of descriptive language does he use, key borders/areas he mentions, etc.

Manifest Destiny

Pride & Vision	Racial Justification	Role of the "Penny Press"	Opposition to Further Expansion

Americans in Texas

The Mexican Government's "Experiment"	Intended Results	Role of Stephen F. Austin & Land Speculators	Response of the Mexican Govt. & its effectiveness

Tensions Between the United States and Mexico

Sources of Political Instability and Friction	Santa Anna & The Alamo	San Jacinto	Opposition to Annexation

The "Texas Question" (Foreign Policy and Further Debate on Annexation

Oregon

Disputed Claims	Growing American Interests	Conflict Between Settlers and Indians

Western Migration

Social Varieties of Migrants	Varieties Among Migrant Aspirations

Life on the Trail

Major Routes	
Characteristics of Migrant Journeys	
"Indian Attacks"	
Recreating Society	
Collective Experience	

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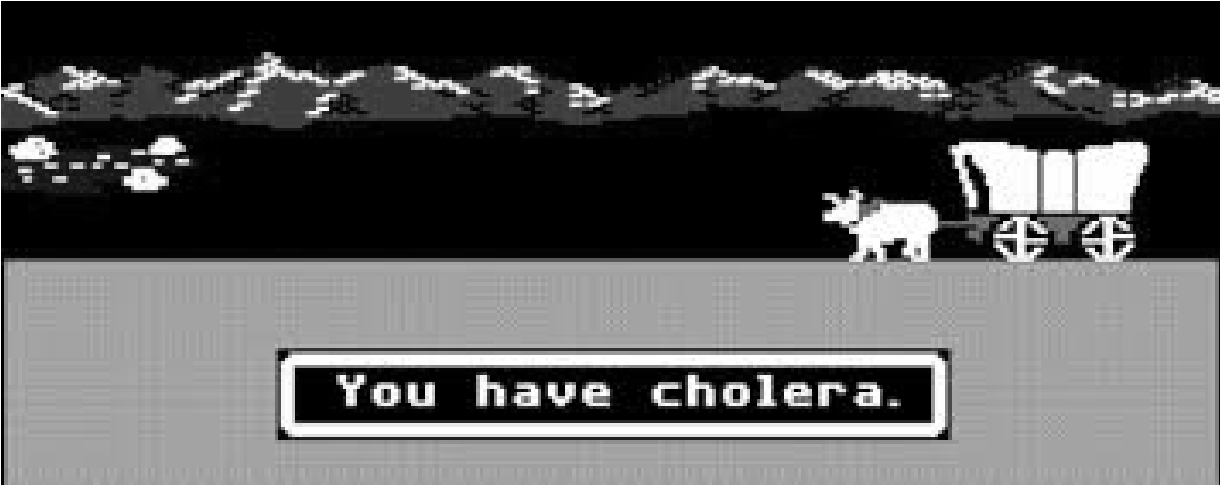
Brinkley's Section Introduction "Expansion and War":

Democrats and Expansion

Positions of Candidates on the Territorial Expansion and Their Impacts on the Presidential Election	James K. Polk	Annexation of Texas & Compromise Over Oregon

The Southwest and California: Sources of New Tensions between the United States in Mexico

Boundary Dispute between Texas and Mexico	American Interest in New Mexico	American Interest in California	Polk's Responses to the Calls for Annexation

The Mexican War, 1846-1848

Failure of the Slidell Mission	Opposition to the War	Taylor's Military Campaigns	The Bear Flag Revolution

Winfield Scott's Campaign in Mexico	Tensions Over Post War Objectives	The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Brinkley's Section Introduction "The Sectional Debate":

Slavery and the Territories

Wilmot Proviso	Competing Plans	Presidential Campaign of 1848	Free-Soil Party

The California Gold Rush

The Discovery of Gold	Gold Mania	Forty-Niners

The California Gold Rush (continued)

Chinese Migrants	Indian Slavery	The Growth of California

Rising Sectional Tensions

President Taylor's Efforts	Congress's Response	Sectional Conflict Over Slavery in the Territories

The Compromise of 1850

Clay's Proposed Solution	Elder Statesmen	New Leadership	Taylor Dies; Temporary Compromise	Brinkley's Assessment