

## **HIST 405N Week 3 Discussion: Manifest Destiny and the Mexican War of 1846**

### **Required Resources**

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 8 (section 8.3), 11
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook)

### **Initial Post Instructions**

- For the initial post, pick two (2) of the following historical events:
- The Lewis and Clark Expedition
- The Missouri Compromise
- Independence of Texas
- Mexican War of 1846-1848
- The California Gold Rush

Then, address the following for your selections:

- Which of your two selections do you consider most impactful on Westward Expansion during 1800-1848? Explain why.
- Analyze the effects of the ideology of Manifest Destiny on the two historical events that you chose from the list.

For this week's discussion the two historical events I choose are the Missouri Compromise and Mexican War (1846-1848). The reason I pick the Missouri compromise was to find out more of how a new state got permission to have slavery when slavery was dying out. As for the reason for choosing the Mexican War was curiosity for that piece of history since I am Mexican.

Before we get into which was more impactful on the western expansion let's talk about what each of these are The Missouri Compromise. "Conflict over the uneasy balance between slave and free states in Congress came to a head when Missouri petitioned to join the Union."