

Background

LA Purchase 1803
Missouri Compromise 1820
Texas - Austin neg w/ Mexico - 300
Families to East Texas - rules broken
The Alamo 1832
Houston - Battle of San Jacinto R.
Santa Anna and Mex defeated
Texas independence - Lone Star
Republic - Sam Houston Pres.
John O'Sullivan - coins the phrase
"manifest destiny"

Oregon

"54-40 or Fight"
tensions between Am and Br settlers
in Oregon
President Polk - compromised with
GB to extend the 49th parallel and
divide Oregon - thought that was the
best solution for him politically

Polk's Platform - Elec of 1844

based in part on the concept of
manifest destiny
Annex Oregon
Annex Texas - deal with Pres. Houston
1845
Acquire California from Mexico - deal
rejected by Mexico
Santa Anna sends troops to the Rio
Grande
war declared on Mexico

Manifest Destiny

Mexican American War 1846-1848

Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo
Mexican cession - \$20m -
included California
Rio Grande becomes border
Wilmot Proviso proposed but
not passed - leaves open the
poss of slavery in Mex Cession

California

1848 - Gold Rush - massive
population increase from all over
the world
San Francisco
USG rushed Cal's statehood to
prevent an indep Cal
Cal became a free state
balance question returned - no
slave state to pair with Cal

Compromise of 1850

Cal became a free state
new Fugitive Slave Act - effects
popular sovereignty introd in
Utah and Nevada
slave trade abolished in
Washington DC

