**Questions for Chapter 13**

1. What is Manifest Destiny and how did it affect the United States?
2. What is the Polk Doctrine?
3. What was the issue in the 1844 Presidential Election?
4. What were the four main regions of settlement in the late 1840s and why were they settled?
   1. Mexico
   2. Oregon
   3. Utah
   4. California
5. Explain the conditions that started the Mexican-American War.
   1. Who were Santa Anna, Steve Austin, William Travis, and Davey Crocket?
   2. Describe the battle at the Alamo
   3. Describe Treaty of Velasco
   4. What was the Slidell Mission
   5. Why did President Polk request a declaration of war? **(doc 6.7)**
   6. What was the Military Strategy? Zachary Taylor to the Rio Grande; John C Fremont to California; Stephen Kearney to New Mexico; Winfield Scott to Mexico City
   7. Describe the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
6. What was the Wilmot Proviso? Did it pass Congress?
7. How did the Mexican-American War and territorial expansion also increase national tensions and sectionalism? **(doc 6.8)**
8. What are the seven elements of the compromise of 1850 and why was it needed? **(doc 6.9)**
9. What was the most controversial part of the Compromise of 1850?
10. What was the Kansas-Nebraska crisis and compromise? Why was it controversial?
11. Who left the Whig party because of the Kansas Nebraska Act and what political party was formed because of it?
12. What happened in Kansas? What was the “Crime against Kansas”?
13. What happened to Senator Charles Sumner?
14. How did members of the House of Representatives and US Senate react to the beating of Senator Sumner?
15. What were the arguments for and against slavery?
16. Describe the Presidential Election of 1856.
17. What was the Dred Scott Decision? **(doc 6.12)**
    1. *Was Dred Scott a citizen?*
    2. *Could Scott sue in state courts?*
    3. *Does living in a free territory make one free?*
18. Describe the Illinois Senate Election in 1858. **(doc 6.13)**
19. Who was John Brown and what did he do?
20. Describe the election of 1860.

*Thematic questions to think about.*

1. Compare the expansionist policies of Jefferson and Polk. Did their policies strengthen or weaken the United States?
2. Was Manifest Destiny a benevolent movement or aggressive imperialism? Was it a benefit to all or at the expense of others?
3. Was the US Constitution an instrument of national unity or a source of sectional discord and tension that contributed to the dissolution of the Union?