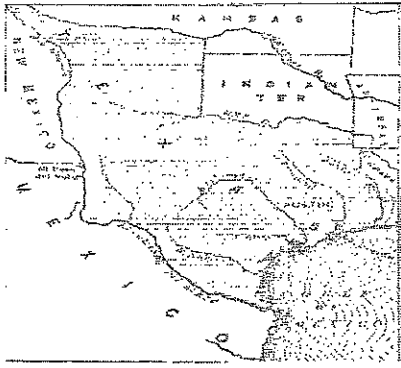


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QUOTES ON ANNEXATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Answer the following questions using both your understanding of information presented in class and your comprehension of the varied first-hand accounts of the question of whether to add Texas to the union.

John C. Calhoun Secretary of State 1844

It is well known that Texas has long desired to be annexed to this Union that her people expressed by an almost unanimous vote her desire to that effect and that she has to desire it as the most certain means of safety and prosperity. The United States have heretofore declined to meet her wishes but the time has now arrived when they can no longer refuse consistently with security and peace and the sacred obligation their constitutional compact for mutual defense and protection....

Is John C. Calhoun in favor of annexation? What clues from the above quote indicate this?

Why is this reinforced about what we know about the Missouri Compromise and the significance of the 36 degree line of latitude?

Bonus: Assuming there is not a grammar error, what can we tell about Calhoun when he refers to the United States in the plural? Why does he phrase it "The United States have"?

Charles Francis Adams State Senator 1844

Let the favored classes of the South beware how, by their violent career, they persist in driving people towards abolitionism.

Where can we assume Charles Francis Adams is from? Why?

William Lloyd Garrison Editor of 'The Liberator' Newspaper 1843

Nothing can more signally demonstrate the absolute mastery of the slaveholding power over the nation – its utter disregard of all constitutional provisions and legal proceedings -than the well-grounded fears that are now widely entertained, that a desperate attempt will be made, at the approaching session of Congress, to annex Texas to the U.S.

According to Garrison, the annexation of Texas demonstrates what about the balance of power that existed in the U.S.?

Abraham Lincoln Candidate for House of Representatives 1845

...I think annexation an evil. I hold it to be a paramount duty of us in the free states, due to the Union of the States, and perhaps to liberty itself to let the slavery of the other states alone; while, on the other hand, I hold it to be equally clear, that we should never knowingly lend ourselves directly or indirectly, to prevent that slavery from dying a natural death— find new places for it to live in, when it can no longer exist in the old.

In your own words, describe Lincoln's attitudes towards slavery. Why would both southerners and abolitionists find something to agree with in Lincoln's writings?

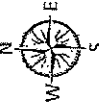
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A. Texas Boundary. In the Boundary Act of 1836, the Republic of Texas described its own boundaries. Read the description and use it to draw the Texas boundary on the map.

Beginning at the mouth of the Sabine river and running west along the gulf of Mexico to the mouth of the Rio Grande, thence up the principal stream of said river to its source, thence due north to the first second degree of north latitude, thence along the boundary line as defined in the treaty between the United States and Spain to the beginning

HOW-TO: COMPASS DIRECTIONS
Find the compass on the map. It looks like this:



KEY
N = North
W = West
S = South
E = East

To go "northwesterly," turn in the direction half-way between north and west.
To go "northeasterly," turn in the direction half-way between north and east.
The word "due" before a direction means you go exactly in that direction.

B. Not So Fast! Before Mexico won independence from Spain, Spain had already defined the western boundary of Texas. Do you think it was the same as Texas described?

- Follow the directions to draw the Texas border defined by Spain in 1805:
- Beginning at the mouth of the Nueces River and running up to its junction with El Moro Creek
 - From there, northeasterly to the Medina River [later called the San Antonio River]
 - Up the Medina River to its source
 - Then in a direct line to the San Saba River
 - Then northwesterly to the point where the 32nd parallel north latitude intersects the 103rd meridian
 - Then northeasterly to the point where the Red River intersects the 100th meridian.

HOW-TO: LATITUDES AND MERIDIANS
Lines of latitude run east-west in circles around the globe.
Meridian lines run north-south in circles around the globe.
Lines of latitude are also called "*parallels*."
Both latitudes and meridians are measured in **degrees**.

C. Santa Fe Trail. The Santa Fe Trail led to the town of Santa Fe, which today is in New Mexico. In the early 1800s, this was an important route for traders doing business in Mexico. Follow the directions to draw the trail on the map. Label both the main route and the cutoff.

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