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The Election of 1844 Video Guide

Big Idea Questions	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
<p>Why did many in the South want the US to expand?</p> <p>Why was Polk called “Young Hickory?”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Background Info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• _____ (Whig in name, Democrat by ideology) is NOT running for re-election for the Democrats• “_____” is taking over the nation• Many in US want Texas to join the union• Check out <i>They Might Be Giants’ “James K. Polk”</i> <p style="text-align: center;">The Candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Democratic Candidate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many different candidates vie for the nomination• Eventually, they settle on a “_____” candidate<ul style="list-style-type: none">• James K. Polk – “Young Hickory”• Favored US expansion• Whig candidate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henry Clay!• Most Americans (including Clay) thought Clay would win in a landslide..... <p style="text-align: center;">The Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manifest Destiny<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Belief that it was America’s “God-given” right to expand from coast to coast• Texas<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many Americans wanted Texas to join the Union (its own country)• Polk favored the _____• Clay _____ on the issue of Texas• Slavery:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With Manifest Destiny and Texas, _____ was always in the forefront• Tariffs<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polk advocated lowering the _____ (Democrats = Down) <p style="text-align: center;">The Results and Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polk defeats Clay, 170 – 105• As a lame-duck president, Tyler pushes for the annexation of Texas• America completes Manifest Destiny under Polk’s administration<ul style="list-style-type: none">• _____• _____	