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The Presidency of James K. Polk Video Guide

Big Idea Questions	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
<p>How sad are you that Clay lost?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Election of 1844</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» James K. Polk becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> “Dark-Horse” Candidate in US History<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; _____ at the Democratic Convention</li></ul></li><li>» Henry Clay was nominated by the Whigs</li><li>» Polk was an avid _____</li><li>» Defeats Clay<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; “_____ Hickory” becomes president</li></ul></li><li>» Check out <i>They Might Be Giants’</i> “James K. Polk”</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oregon and Texas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Oregon:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; The US and Britain jointly occupied the Oregon Territory</li><li>&gt; Polk advocated “_____”</li><li>&gt; Eventually, the two sides settled on the _____ parallel<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Continuation of the border between US and Canada</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>» Texas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Texas declared independence from Mexico in _____</li><li>&gt; Polk campaigned on admitting _____ into the Union</li></ul></li></ul>	
<p>What do Democrats want to do to tariff rates? Republicans?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Mexican-American War</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» US and Mexico recognized different _____ for Texas<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Dispute was between _____ Rivers</li></ul></li><li>» “_____”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; _____</li></ul></li><li>» Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; US gains Mexican Cession</li><li>&gt; US pays Mexico \$ _____</li></ul></li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Tariff and a Treasury</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>» Remember, Polk was a Democrat<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Democrats want to see the tariff rates go _____</li></ul></li><li>» _____ Tariff:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Reduced the tariff rates substantially</li><li>&gt; Helped lead to an increase in _____ with other countries</li></ul></li><li>» _____ Treasury:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Democrats answer to not having a _____</li><li>&gt; All _____ money would be held in the Treasury building and sub-treasuries in cities</li><li>&gt; No government money would be held in banks</li></ul></li></ul>	

## Impact of Polk's Presidency

- » Few Presidents have done as much in one term
- » \_\_\_\_\_ is complete
- » Tensions between the North and South increase
  - > Wilmot Proviso
  - > Compromise of 1850