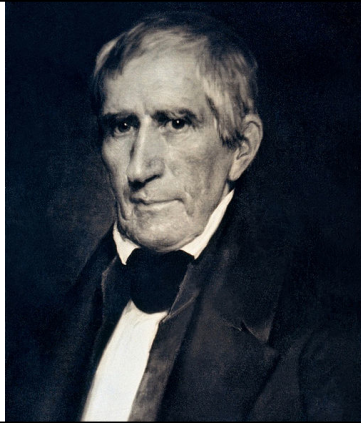
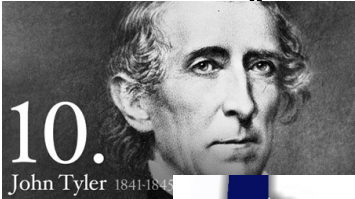


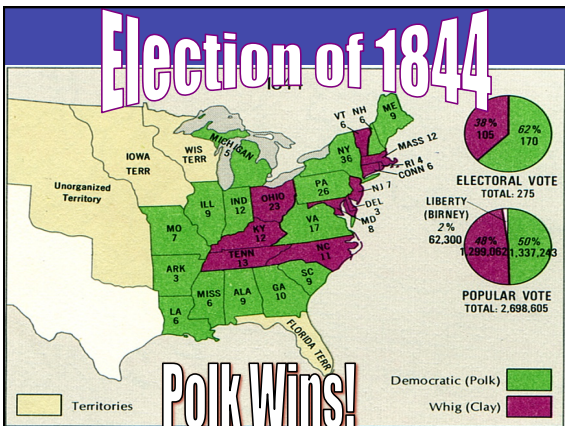
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Beef with President Tyler

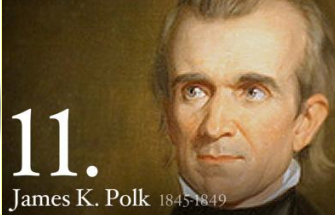
- Tyler still holds many **Democrat** beliefs
- **Starts to block** goals of the **Whig party** (led by Henry Clay and Daniel Webster)
- **Attempts to annex Texas**
 - **Defeated** by Congress





Texas Annexed!



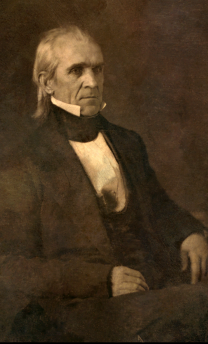


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James K. Polk 1845-1849

- **Lame duck President John Tyler submitted proposal and Congress annexed Texas**
 - **Accomplished by a joint resolution (only need a majority of both houses)**
 - **Does not need 2/3 approval by Senate**

GOALS OF JAMES K. POLK



- **Lower the tariff**
- **National Expansion: MANIFEST DESTINY**
 - **Expansion into Oregon**
 - **“54° 40’, or Fight!” threat to England**
 - **Annexation of Texas**
 - **Acquisition of CA**

MANIFEST DESTINY

- **Belief that it was America’s destiny to conquer and civilize the entire continent**
 - Built upon belief of **white superiority**
- **Term coined by John O’Sullivan in 1845**
 - Western expansion been going on for some time
 - Louisiana Purchase (1803)
 - Missouri Compromise 1820
 - Jackson’s Indian Removal policies in 1830s
- Issue of **slavery** complicates the issue of **western expansion**

The Oregon Dispute: "54° 40' or Fight!"

- **Anglo-American Convention of 1818:** U.S. and England agreed to peacefully jointly occupy Oregon territory
- **Oregon Trail:** Many American settlers flood into the area
- **Major issue in the Election of 1844**
- ✓ **Oregon Treaty 1846:** 49th parallel, No war needed



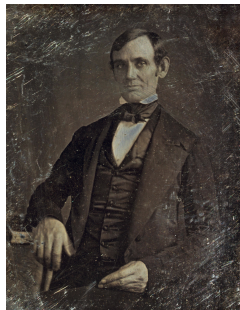
BEEF WITH MEXICO

- Mexico still viewed Texas as part of Mexico
 - Dispute over river Rio Grande & Nueces river
- Polk attempts to buy California from Mexico
 - **Slidell Mission:** Mexico refuses offer of \$25 million for CA
- Polk sends Zachary Taylor into disputed territory between Mexico and Texas
 - U.S. forces attacked in April 1846
- **Mexican American War** begins: 1846-1848



CONTROVERSY

- **Northern Whigs** oppose the war
 - See it as an attempt by **Southerners** to extend slavery
- Lincoln introduces the "**Spot Resolution**" demanding to know if attack really took place on U.S. soil
- **Wilmot Proviso:** attempted to ban slavery in any territory acquired from Mexico
 - Passed by House, rejected by Senate



TREATY OF GUADALUPE-HIDALGO (1848)



New Controversies:
(or the return of old)

New territories were brought into the **Union** which forced the **issue of slavery** into the center of **national politics!**

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