

US History – 7th & 8th – Saints Classical Academy
Test on Lesson Unit “Manifest Destiny”

1.) Which action best shows how Andrew Jackson wielded the power of the presidency?

- A. He refused to use the veto except when it involved the military.
- B. He used the veto more than all previous presidents combined.
- C. He enforced the decisions of the Supreme Court in all national disputes.
- D. He appointed cabinet members involved in the economy and banking system.

2.) Andrew Jackson’s political philosophy is best described as _____,

meaning he prioritized the will of the _____ and sought the most good for the _____.

3.) Name three 19th century civil movements which expressed the developing spirit of American culture:

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)

4.) True or False? Andrew Jackson allied closely with John Marshall of the Supreme Court during the Indian Removal Act in order to retain some ancestral land within the state of Georgia for the Cherokee tribe to live.

5.) In Alexis de Tocqueville’s classic work, *Democracy in America*, he was not so much alarmed at the excessive liberty of the country as at the “inadequate securities against tyranny.” What kind of tyranny was Tocqueville concerned with and which inadequacy did he identify? Answer in one or two short sentences.

6.) Name three authors who contributed to the establishment of truly American literary genres during the mid-19th century.

1.)

2.)

3.)

7.) True or False? The primary way that slaves in the Old South resisted the soul-crushing effects of enslavement was constant, open, and direct rebellion against their masters.

8.) Political discussion surrounding the abolition of slavery devolved from the 1831 session of the Virginia General assembly which discussed gradual _____ and African _____ to an eventual “_____” in the U.S. House of Representatives which prevented any discussion of abolition.

9.) Which of the following was not a primary contributor to the unavoidable conflict between Mexico and the U.S. after Texas became a state?

- A. American citizens settling in Mexican Territory.
- B. Disunified and unstable Mexican government.
- C. Failure to decide on a mountain range bordering.
- D. Military incidents such as the Alamo.

10.) There were very many aspects to consider when the Republic of Texas was annexed into America as a state. Political and social reasons both for and against this motion need to be considered. Explain at least one reason for and another reason against incorporating Texas into the United States. Answer in one or two short sentences.