

US History – 7th & 8th – Saints Classical Academy

Quiz on Lesson Unit “The American Way”

Name: _____

1.) How did the Mexican American War complicate the issue of slavery?

- A) Mexican slaves started escaping to the U.S.
- B) The war itself was caused by the idea of slavery.
- C) Uncertainty on slavery in the newly acquired lands from Mexico.
- D) American slaves started escaping to Mexico.

2.) Which governmental provision did pro-slavery politicians **not** use to defend their views?

- A) The balance of State authority vs Federal power.
- B) The idea that all men are created equal.
- C) The 5th amendment's protection of personal property (slaves).
- D) The representational balance of slave & free states in Congress.

3.) What was the idea of “popular sovereignty” for addressing slavery?

- A) Each state handles their own affairs.
- B) Doing the most good for the most people.
- C) Avoiding the tyranny of the majority
- D) Belief in a unified America from Atlantic to Pacific.

4.) Why was the entrance of California as a free state so different from other entrances?

- A) California skipped the territory stage and immediately became a state.
- B) The Gold Rush had brought in such a large population of slave owners.
- C) It was the only land ceded to the U.S. after the Mexican American War.
- D) Hollywood was already making John Wayne movies.