

US History – 7th & 8th – Saints Classical Academy
Quiz on Lesson Unit “The American Way”

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- 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.