**Election of 1844**

**Video [5:35]** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuKKxUGRcPo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuKKxUGRcPo)

**Background: President Tyler, 1841 - 1845, never ran for election. William Henry Harrison died of pneumonia his first month in office and Tyler became President. He did not run for election in 1844. James Birney ran as a third party, the Liberty Party. The Liberty Party was anti-slavery.**

**Questions:**

1. **Why was President Tyler considered a "Lame Duck President" and President Polk the "Dark Horse"?**
2. **Who was the Democratic candidate and Whig candidate? What issues did each candidate support?**
3. **What were the results of the election?**
4. **How did President Polk fulfill Manifest Destiny?**

**Henry Clay**

**Henry Clay** Watch the video and make a bullet list of his accomplishments.   
I suggest you make the following categories to organize your lists (Government, "Great Compromiser", Library of Congress Image).[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiBHk9eFWWA**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiBHk9eFWWA)

**Mexican - American War (1846 - 1848)**

**Directions:  
Read the article at the Price of Freedom website below and answer questions 1 - 7. If you have further interest, you can also watch the video series from the History Channel linked below.**

**Article -   
The Price of Freedom: Americans at War - "Mexican War"** [**http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/printable/section.asp?id=4**](http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/printable/section.asp?id=4)

**Video:   
"Mexican American War History Channel" each video is between 9 to 10 minutes. There are 6 parts. If you watch Part 1 and 2 (20 minutes), you will get a better sense of the conflict. It is a total of an hour if you watch all 6 parts.**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjUEBDOOSDM&list=PLTFbJbrcw45YjiTbNvkkYQtlThodrk\_0G**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjUEBDOOSDM&list=PLTFbJbrcw45YjiTbNvkkYQtlThodrk_0G)

**QUESTIONS:**

1. **What caused the war between Mexico and the United States.**
2. **Why was it controversial and what made leaders like Lincoln oppose Polk's decision to convince Congress to go to war?**
3. **What are 3 facts you found interesting? (data from reading or images)**
4. **What were the concessions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?**