**MANIFEST DESTINY**

* **Belief that America had a divine right to expand westward, bringing democracy and civilization as far as the Pacific Ocean**
* **John O’Sullivan coined the term “Manifest Destiny”** (*Democratic Review 1845)*
* 2nd Great Awakening created missionary zeal to convert
* Religion, cultural, and a belief in racial superiority led a desire to “civilize” the “savage” Indians in the west
* Desire for land and wealth drove many west
* Land for cultivation of Cotton