**Unit 5 Vocab**

1. **Westward Expansion-** Desire to add territory to the U.S. that created controversy over the addition of slave and free states.
2. **Manifest Destiny-** The belief that God intended for the U.S. to expand to the Pacific Ocean.
3. **Sectionalism-** The placing of the interests of ones’ own state or region ahead of the interests of the nation.
4. **Missouri Compromise-** Agreement in 1820 that maintained the balance of free and slave states by the 36/30 latitudinal line.
5. **James K. Polk-** President who pushed for the War with Mexico and was a supporter of slavery.
6. **Annexation-** The process of adding new territory and incorporating it as part of the U.S.
7. **Texas-Annexation-** Republic that its independence in 1836 and was eventually added to the U.S. as a slave state in 1845.
8. **Mexican-American War-** Conflict from 1846-1848 that resulted in the U.S. gaining California, New Mexico, and Utah.
9. **Oregon Territory-** Disputed northwestern territory gained by the U.S. in 1846 after signing a treaty with Britain.
10. **Popular Sovereignty-** A system in which the residents of a state vote to decide an issue.
11. **Compromise of 1850­-** Series of congressional measures intended to settle the major disagreements between the free states and the slave states.
12. **Kansas-Nebraska Act-** A law enacted in 1854 that established two new territories and gave their residents the right to decide whether to allow slavery.
13. **Dred Scott v. Sanford-** Supreme court case in 1857 that decided that slaves are not citizens and therefore are unable to bring lawsuits through the American court system.
14. **John Brown’s Raid-** Uprising in 1859 led by a white abolitionist who stole weapons from an arsenal in hopes of starting a slave rebellion.
15. **Election of 1860-** Highly contested victory for Abraham Lincoln that led to southern secession.
16. **Secession-** The process of formally withdrawing from the U.S.
17. **American Civil War-** Conflict between 1861-1865 that divided the U.S. over the issues of states’ rights and the expansion of slavery