Period 4: 1800 to 1848

BAGPIPE Themes

**Belief Systems: Culture and Society**

* Ideas
* Religion and Literature
* Art and Literature
* *Liberal social ideas from abroad and Romantic beliefs in human perfectability influenced literature, art, philosophy, and architecture.*
* Cultural Values
* Science
* Morality and Moral Values
* *...Second Great Awakening among Protestants [that] influenced moral and social reforms ... inspired utopian and other religious movements*
* *Americans formed new voluntary organizations that aimed to change individual behaviors and improve society through temperance and other reform efforts.*

**America in the World: Global Context**

* Competition for Resources
* Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
* Expansionism and imperialism
* *Following the Louisiana Purchase, the United States government sought influence and control over North America and the Western Hemisphere through a variety of means, including military actions, American Indian removal, and diplomatic efforts such as the Monroe Doctrine.*
* Global Conflicts (World Wars)
* Military and Economic

**Geography & Environment: Physical and Human**

* Climate, Environment, and Geography
* Natural Resources
* *As overcultivation depleted arable land in the Southeast, slaveholders began relocating their plantations to more fertile lands west of the Appalachians, where the institution of slavery continued to grow.*
* Exchanges: plants, disease, animals

**Peopling: Migration and Settlement**

* Movement to, from, within the U.S.
* *Large numbers of international migrants moved to industrializing northern cities, while many Americans moved west of the Appalachians, developing thriving new communities along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.*
* *Frontier settlers tended to champion expansion efforts, while American Indian resistance led to a sequence of wars and federal efforts to control and relocate American Indian populations.*
* Nativism
* Immigrant groups impact on Society

**Identity: Gender, Class, Racial, Ethnic Identities**

* Gender
* *Gender and family roles changed in response to the market revolution, particularly with the growth of definitions of domestic ideals that emphasized the separation of public and private spheres.*
* Class
* *The growth of manufacturing drove a significant increase in prosperity and standards of living for some; this led to the emergence of a larger middle class and a small but wealthy business elite but also to a large and growing population of laboring poor.*
* Racial and Ethnic Identities
* *Enslaved blacks and free African Americans created communities and strategies to protect their dignity and family structures, and they joined political efforts aimed at changing their status.*
* National and Regional Identities
* *Regional interests often trumped national concerns as the basis for many political leaders' positions on slavery and economic policy.*
* *A new national culture emerged that combined American elements, European influences, and regional cultural sensibilities.*
* *Southern business leaders continued to rely on the production and export of traditional agricultural staples, contributing to the growth of a distinctive Southern regional identity.*
* Nationalism and Patriotism
* Assimilation

**Politics and Power**

* Role of State in Society
* *Plans to further unify the U.S. economy, such as the American System, generated debates over whether such policies would benefit agriculture or industry, potentially favoring different sections of the country.*
* Political Process
* Role of Political Parties
* *In the early 1800s, national political parties continued to debate issues such as the tariff, powers of the federal government, and relations with European powers.*
* *By the 1820s and 1830s, new political parties arose--the Democrats, led by Andrew Jackson, and the Whigs, led by Henry Clay--that disagreed about the role and powers of the federal government and issues such as the national bank, tariffs, and federally funded internal improvements.*

* Struggles over / for Freedom
* *Abolitionist and antislavery movements gradually achieved emancipation in the North, contributing to the growth of the free African American population, even as many state governments restricted African Americans' rights. Antislavery efforts in the South were largely limited to unsuccessful slave rebellions.*
* *Antislavery efforts increased in the North, while in the South, although the majority of Southerners owned no slaves, most leaders argued that slavery was part of the Southern way of life.*
* *Congressional attempts at political compromise, such as the Missouri Compromise, only temporarily stemmed growing tensions between opponents and defenders of slavery.*
* Federalism
* Liberty and Rights
* *A women's rights movement sought to create greater equality and opportunities for women, expressing its ideals at the Seneca Falls Convention.*
* Citizenship
* Authority and Power
* *Supreme Court decisions established the primacy of the judiciary in determining the meaning of the Constitution and asserted that federal laws took precedence over state laws.*

**Economy: Work, Exchange, Trade, Technology**

* Agriculture and Manufacturing
* Commerce and Trade
* *The rise of democratic and individualistic beliefs, a response to rationalism, and changes to society caused by the market revolution...*
* *Entrepreneurs helped to create a market revolution in production and commerce, in which market relationships between producers and consumers came to prevail as the manufacture of goods became more organized.*
* *Increasing numbers of Americans, especially women and men working in factories, no longer relied on semisubsistence agriculture; instead they supported themselves producing goods for distant markets.*
* *Increasing Southern cotton production and the related growth of Northern manufacturing, banking, and shipping industries promoted the development of national and international commercial ties.*
* Technology and Innovations
* *Innovations including textile machinery, steam engines, interchangeable parts, the telegraph, and agricultural inventions increased the efficiency of production methods.*
* Labor Systems
* Transportation
* *Legislation and judicial systems supported the development of roads, canals, and railroads, which extended and enlarged markets and helped foster regional interdependence. Transportation networks linked the North and Midwest more closely than either was linked to the South.*
* Land Distribution