**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **DUE:** Wednesday, March 5th

**Instructions:** As agroup,complete both practice SAQ questions in a GoogleDoc. Include three pieces of information for each part of the question for a total of nine responses. Be prepared to present your work.

**Question 1 is based on the following excerpts.**

“That Texas is to be, sooner or later, included in the Union, we have long . . . regarded as an event already indelibly inscribed in the book of future fate and necessity. And as for what may be termed the antislavery objection, this has no greater force than the other. The question of slavery is not a federal or national but a local question . . . It would not, in all probability, be difficult to obtain the consent of Mexico, or such recognition by her of the independence of Texas.”

**-Senator Robert J. Walker, "The Texas Question,"**

**United States Magazine and Democratic Review, 1844**

“There has long been a supposed conflict between the interests of free labor and of slave labor . . . But let us admit Texas, and we shall place the balance of power in the hands of the Texans themselves . . . . Are our friends of the North prepared to deliver over this great national policy to the people of Texas . . . in order to purchase a slave market for their neighbors, who, in the words of Thomas Jefferson Randolph, ‘breed men for the market like oxen for the shambles’?”

**-Representative Joshua Giddings,**

**"Upon the Annexation of Texas," 1844**

**1. Using the excerpts, answer a, b, and c.**

**a)** Briefly explain the main point of Excerpt 1.

**b)** Briefly explain the main point of Excerpt 2.

**c)** Provide ONE piece of evidence from the period of 1830 to 1860 that is not included in the excerpts and explain how it supports the interpretation in either excerpt.

**Question 2.**

**Answer a, b, and c.**

1. Briefly explain why ONE of the following best supports the view that a belief in a manifest destiny played a decisive role in United States politics and policies during the 1840s.

• Annexation of Texas

• "Fifty-four Forty or Fight!"

• Mexican Cession

1. Contrast your choice against ONE of the other options, demonstrating why that option is not as good as your choice.
2. Briefly explain ONE criticism of this belief in “manifest destiny” during the 1840s.