***Manifest Destiny*** *is the belief that it was the destiny (fate) of the United States to expand from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. By 1848, with the end of the Mexican-American War, the United States had accomplished this; everything from New York to what is now California was part of the United States.*

*You are going to decide whether you agree or disagree with the idea of Manifest Destiny, and then explain your decision. Use the Manifest Destiny Review handout and any texts that you have read for this unit to make your decision and write your explanations.*

**Step 1:** Like or Dislike

Read over the Manifest Destiny Review. Based on all of the different events that led to the United States expanding from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, do you Like or Dislike what the United States did overall? Circle your choice below.

Like 👍 Dislike 👎

**Step 2:** Pick Three

If you **like** Manifest Destiny, choose the three American Policies or Decisions you think are the best. If you **dislike** Manifest Destiny, choose the three American Policies or Decisions you think are the worst. Use the Manifest Destiny Review handout to choose your three ideas. List the three ideas you choose below:



**Step 3:** Write an Introduction

Write three sentences one the lines below.

* In the first sentence**, describe Manifest Destiny** in your own words
* In the second sentence, say whether you **Like** or **Dislike** Manifest Destiny, and why *(“I like Manifest Destiny because…” or “I dislike Manifest Destiny because…”)*
* In the third sentence, write the three **best** or **worst** things about Manifest Destiny, based on your list in Step 2 *(“The three best things about Manifest Destiny were…” or “The three worst things about Manifest Destiny were…”)*

**Step 4:** Write three paragraphs

For each American Policy or Decision in Step 2, write a paragraph. Each paragraph should describe the actual events, and why you Like or Dislike that American Policy or Decision.











*Congratulations! If Mr. Brock stamps this, you have earned 110 out of 150 points (C-). Talk to Mr. Brock if you want to earn more than a C-.*