

APUS HISTORY
NOTE-TAKING PROCEDURES

1. **Each Chapter should be started on a new page** (front or back) (2 points)
2. **Box in the name of the Chapter** (2 points)
2. **Indicate the page numbers in the upper right hand corner** for that particular assignment (3 points)
(if you highlight these page numbers it would be helpful)
3. **Underline the topic headers** (they will be blue in color) (2 points)
4. **Highlight all terms for the unit** (the color is up to you) (3 points)
5. In general you should get some notes out of each paragraph. Do not write whole passages.
Just summarize key ideas in each paragraph.

Remember to read in context of the headings. Reflect on what you have read before you take any notes. You would be better served to read and think than to write and daydream.

Notes will be checked on test day.

Sample procedure:

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III. The Politics of Expansion, 1840-1846

A. The Whig Ascendancy

1. 1840-42 questions relating to economic recovery dominated
2. Whigs led by **Henry Clay** (the American System) raced to power
 - a. repealed Van Buren's Independent Treasury
 - b. favored a "revenue" tariff – planned to be used for internal improvements
3. Harrison dies; Tyler becomes president – former Democrat
 - a. vetoed a Whig bill to create a new national bank
 - b. vetoed tariff bills
 - c. elections of 1842 Whigs lost heavily

B. Tyler and the Annexation of Texas

1. **Webster-Ashburton Treaty** – settled dispute over Maine and New Brunswick border
2. North felt Texas annexation was a way South could spread slavery
3. Tyler's and Calhoun's treaty to annex Texas failed

C. The Election of 1844

1. Democrat – **James K. Polk** (darkhorse)
2. Whig – **Henry Clay**
3. Liberty Party – **James G. Birney** (abolition of slavery)
4. Catholic immigrants (particularly Irish) voted for Democrats, in part because the Whigs added the Presbyterian Theodore Frelinghuysen as VP candidate
5. Results
 - a. Electoral vote – Polk (170); Clay (105); Birney (0)
 - b. Popular vote – Polk (1,338,464- 49.6%); Clay (1,300,097- 48.1%);
Birney (62,300 – 2.3%)

D. Manifest Destiny, 1845

1. election demonstrated support for Texas annexation
2. **John L. O'Sullivan** – New York Democratic journalist coins phrase “**manifest destiny**”
 - a. some believed manifest destiny was a smokescreen for the expansion of slavery
 - b. supporters of manifest destiny looked westward for ports to trade with the Far East
 - c. supporters saw West as a way to preserve agricultural character of the American people (and safeguard democracy)
 - d. poor urban laborers favored expansion – wanted economic opportunities, favored perpetuation of slavery
3. confidence in industrialization and technology convinced many that nation could expand without creating unmanageable nation