

## **Brinkley – Chapter 13 – The Impending Crisis**

### **Due – 12/6 - Respond to the following –**

1. Explain how and why the United States expanded Westward during the 1830s and 40s (include three territories in your discussion). To what extent were these acquisitions justified? Explain. To what extent was there opposition to these acquisitions? Explain.

### **Due 12/13 – Respond to the following**

2. Write a thesis in response to the following question – Analyze the impact of territorial expansion on National unity. Would each of the following support or undermine your thesis – the annexation of Texas, the Mexican War, the Wilmot Proviso, the Compromise of 1850
3. What do the documents tell us about response of many northerners to the Fugitive Slave Act? How did Southerners view the Northern reaction to the Fugitive Slave Act?

### **Due 12/14**

4. Explain the impact four of the following on North-South relations during the 1850s – Ostend Manifesto, Transcontinental Railroad, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Dred Scott Decision, Lecompton Constitution, John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry
5. How did Southerners view the election of Lincoln? How similar was their situation to that of Northeastern Federalists during the War of 1812? Explain.