Manifest Destiny – Westward Expansion Questions

1a. What is Manifest Destiny?
1b. How is Manifest Destiny different than westward expansion?

2. What were some of the events that were critical to westward expansion?
   Using the timeline, list at least 5 such events between 1830 and 1860.

Using the biography you were given, answer these questions.
3. What factors were most important in this person’s life?
4. How do you think this person felt about westward expansion and Manifest Destiny?
5. How did westward expansion or Manifest Destiny alter the course of this person’s life?

6a. What people supported or believed in Manifest Destiny?
6b. Who benefitted most from westward expansion?
6c. Who suffered the most as a result of westward expansion?

7a. How might our nation’s history have been changed if westward expansion had not occurred?
7b. How might the Native American’s history have been changed?

8. If you had lived during that time, how do you think you might have felt about the idea of Manifest Destiny?