

# Vocabulary

- **Famine:** extreme lack of food
- **Temperance movement:** political movement to regulate or ban alcohol
- **Suffrage:** right to vote
- **Agrarian:** businesses based on farming
- **Eli Whitney:** inventor of the cotton gin
- **Cotton gin:** machine used to separate cotton from its seeds
- **Nullify:** make something legally invalid, cancel out
- **Secession:** the act of removal from a formal group, leaving a union
- **Spoils system:** the practice of giving jobs to members of your own political party

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- **Veto:** the president's power to declare that bills from Congress will not become laws
- **Indian Removal Act:** signed by Andrew Jackson in 1803, forced all Native Americans west of the Mississippi River
- **Trail of Tears:** forced march of Native American tribes across the south to specific lands west of the Mississippi River
- **Manifest Destiny:** belief that the expansion of the US throughout the American continents was right and bound to happen
- **Mormon:** member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, migrated west from Illinois to Utah
- **Missionary:** person on a religious mission to convert others to their religion
- **Oregon Trail:** trail across the west taken by many people moving between Missouri and California