*Antebellum Expansion and Sectionalism: Annotated Timeline*

1. Draw a timeline that spans the years 1820 to 1860.
2. Research the following events. Write an in-depth explanation that summarizes each event and its impact on sectionalism in the US.
3. Texan Independence…and annexation
4. 54-40 or Fight!
5. Election of 1844
6. Mexican-American War
7. Gadsden Purchase
8. CA Gold Rush
9. Ostend Manifesto
10. Compromise of 1850
11. Uncle Tom’s Cabin
12. Kansas-Nebraska Act/Bleeding Kansas
13. Sumner-Brooks Affair
14. Lincoln Douglas Debates
15. Dred Scott v. Sanford
16. John Brown’s Raid on Harper’s Ferry
17. Election of 1860
18. Create a symbol for each event and place that symbol on the timeline. The symbol should directly relate to the event.
19. You will have some of today and all of tomorrow to work on this in class…It is due Wednesday, November 23rd…be prepared to discuss your particular assigned topic
20. Write a 3-part thesis addressing the following prompt at the bottom of your timeline:

***Analyze how western expansion contributed to growing sectional tensions between the North and the South. Confine your answer to the period from 1820 to 1860.***

**Rubric:**  
Information for events/historical accuracy: 20 Points

Evaluation of impact on sectionalism: 30 points

Timeline is colored, neat: 15

Symbolism: 15

Thesis: 20 points