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The Controversy Over Manifest Destiny

Written below are four quotes about the idea of "Manifest Destiny" For each, answer the questions found below in order to better understand the varying points of view about America's "Manifest Destiny."

1. *"It is America's right to stretch from sea to shining sea. Not only do we have a responsibility to our citizens to gain valuable natural resources we also have a responsibility to civilize this beautiful land."*

2. *"... The American claim is by the right of our manifest to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federative self-government entrusted to us. It is a right such as that of the tree to the space of air and earth for the full expansion of its principle and destiny of growth..."*

Pulling from quotes 1 & 2, list and describe the reasons given in **SUPPORT** of Manifest Destiny.

a)

b)

c)

3. *"America has no right to take the lands west of the Louisiana Territory. Those lands are rightfully owned by Mexico and to enter into conflict with the Mexicans just to expand and take that land would violate the principles of this great nation."*

4. *"Manifest Destiny "
More blood on the hands of Christ
They called themselves Christians
And gave themselves the rights
Disguised as missionaries
They were really after gold
Many Indians died for that
How many's never told*

Pulling from quotes 3 & 4, list and describe the reasons that are given in **REJECTION** of Manifest Destiny.

a)

b)

c)

d)

Painting Analysis: Manifest Destiny

Directions: Split the painting into 4 quadrants and record your observations. What do you see? What do you think the pieces symbolize?



Quadrant #1	Quadrant #2
Quadrant #3	Quadrant #4

Draw Conclusions: What message is this painting communicating to the viewer? Does it support or reject the concept of Manifest Destiny? Explain.
