

President Pierce Study Sheet

1. Franklin Pierce 14th President of the United States, serving from 1853 to 1857.
2. New Hampshire The state where Franklin Pierce was born in 1804.
3. Jane Pierce Wife of Franklin Pierce; she was often referred to as the "Shadow of the White House."
4. Bowdoin College Institution where Pierce attended before studying law.
5. Mexican-American War Conflict in which Franklin Pierce served as a brigadier general.
6. Gadsden Purchase Acquisition of land from Mexico during Pierce's presidency, facilitating the southern transcontinental railroad.
7. Kansas-Nebraska Act Controversial legislation that repealed the Missouri Compromise and heightened tensions over slavery.
8. Democratic Party Political party to which Franklin Pierce belonged.
9. Concord Capital city of New Hampshire, where Pierce practiced law and entered politics.
10. Compromise of 1850 Series of laws aimed at addressing the issue of slavery in the territories acquired after the Mexican-American War.
11. Nathaniel Hawthorne Notable American author and friend of Franklin Pierce.
12. Fugitive Slave Act Legislation passed as part of the Compromise of 1850, which required citizens to assist in the capture of runaway slaves.
13. Oregon Territory Northwestern region of the United States, which saw territorial disputes settled during Pierce's presidency.
14. Democratic National Convention Event where Pierce was nominated as the presidential candidate in 1852.
15. New Hampshire Legislature Franklin Pierce's first political office, which he held at the age of 24.
16. Battle of Contreras Major engagement during the Mexican-American War in which Pierce distinguished himself.
17. Amherst Town in New Hampshire where Pierce spent his later years.
18. Jefferson Davis Close friend and Secretary of War under Pierce, later becoming the President of the Confederate States of America.