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5.02 Nationalism and Sectionalism

Total Points: 44

# **Part 1: Explanation**

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

1. Define nationalism and sectionalism.

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| *Write your response below:* |
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1. What was the American System? Who created it?

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| *Write your response below:* |
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1. What are the four major points of the American System?

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| *Write your response below:* |
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1. How did nationalism influence the federal courts?

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| *Write your response below:* |
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1. How did nationalism affect foreign affairs?

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1. What was the debate around slave states, free states, and westward expansion around 1820? How did this debate involve nationalism and sectionalism? How was it resolved?

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| *Write your response below:* |
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# Part 2: Application

**Review the following *Maysville Road Bill* scenario and answer the questions.**

The Maysville Road Project was proposed as part of Henry Clay’s American System. The federally funded turnpike (toll road) would unite Louisville and Maysville in Kentucky, two major cities on the Ohio River. Congress passed the bill in 1830. The bill authorized the federal government to purchase $50,000 worth of stock in a private company that would build the turnpike.

President Andrew Jackson quickly vetoed (rejected) the bill. Jackson felt the project was unconstitutional because he said the federal government didn’t have the right to fund an intrastate (within a state) project. Jackson contended an intrastate project didn’t benefit the entire country.

He wrote this to Congress when he vetoed the bill.

I have maturely considered the bill proposing to authorize

“a subscription of stock in the Maysville, Washington, Paris,

and Lexington Turnpike Road Company and now return the

same to the House of Representatives . . . with my objections

to its passage . . . such grants have always been professedly

under the control of the general principle that the works might

be thus aided should be “of a general, not local, national, not

State,” character. A disregard of this distinction would of

necessity lead to the subversion of the federal system.

1. Do you believe President Jackson’s veto of the Maysville Road Bill was the appropriate action? Defend your answer.

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| *Write your response below:* |
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1. Suppose you were a supporter of the American System. How could you modify the bill to make it acceptable to Jackson?

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| *Write your response below:* |
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