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## Part C

For each of the individuals listed below, explain his probable reaction to the acquisition of new land and his rationale for his opinion.

**William Butler**, a South Carolina planter whose repeated plantings had depleted the soil, wrote a letter to the editor of his local newspaper on the possible annexation of Texas.

**Nathan Webster**, a Massachusetts Federalist Congressman with presidential aspirations, had to decide how to vote on funding for the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

**Martin Van Buren**, Free Soil candidate for President in 1848, spoke during his campaign on the issue of slavery in the newly-acquired Mexican lands.

**Richard Marshall**, a dissatisfied laborer, pinned his hopes for fame and fortune on reaching the California gold fields before the boom ended.

**James Winkler**, the third son of a Connecticut farmer, heard about the availability of farmland in the state's Western Reserve in Ohio.

**Daniel Fisk**, a speculator in Western lands, lobbied for the construction of a transcontinental railroad through the central part of the United States.

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**Reverend Isaiah Walters** wrote home to his Congressman about the need to bring American civilization to the backward peoples of California.

**John C. Fremont**, pathfinder, explorer, and patriot, dreamed of a United States spanning the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

**Jonathon Carter**, a Georgia farmer living near the border of Florida, feared the possibility of Indian raids on his land in the Seminole uprising in 1819.

**Joseph Jacobs**, a Missouri farmer, feared the effects of slave disputes on his chances to subsist.

## Part D

Finally, write a one-sentence thematic statement to explain the overall significance to the nation of westward expansion.