Unit 3 DBQ Analysis

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UNIT 3 Prompt

- Historians have traditionally labeled the period after the War of 1812 the “Era of Good Feelings.” Evaluate the accuracy of this label, considering the emergence of nationalism, and sectionalism.

- It was an “Era of Good Feelings”….OR WAS IT. DUN DUN DUN DUN

- Choose your side. (YES or NO)

- Contains a “contradictory” paragraph
Sir, I am convinced that it would be... unjust, to aggravate the burdens of the people for the purpose of favoring the manufacturers; for this government created and gave power to Congress to regulate commerce and equalize duties on the whole of the United States, and not to lay a duty but with a steady eye to revenue. With my good will, sir, [no] one interest in the country [should be] sacrificed by the management of taxation to another... The agriculturalists bear the whole brunt of the war and taxation, and remain poor while the others run in the ring of pleasure, and fatten upon them.

Purpose: The government should provide revenue for the agriculturalists as well since they favor the North over the South.
Let it not be forgotten, let it be forever kept in mind, that the extent of the republic exposes us to the greatest calamities—disunion. We are great, and rapidly, I was about to say fearfully—growing. This is our price and danger, our fear and strength… We are under the most imperious obligations to counteract every tendency to disunion… Whatever impedes the intercourse of the extremes with this, the center of the republic, weakens the union… Let us, then, bind the republic together with a perfect system of roads and canals. Let us conquer space.

Purpose: As the population grows larger, a system for union should be built to unite the societies.
Document C

Source: Fourth of July, Centre Square, Philadelphia (1819), by John Krimmel

Purpose: The white affluent people’s celebration for the Fourth of July.
Has the Congress power to incorporate a bank? ... In discussing this question, the council for the State of Maryland have deemed it of some importance, in the construction of the Constitution, to consider that instrument not as emanating from the people but as the act of sovereign and independent states. The powers of the general government, it has been said, are delegated by the states who alone are truly sovereign; and must be exercised in subordination to the states, who alone possess supreme dominion. It would be difficult to sustain this proposition.

Purpose: States individually have the power to incorporate a bank, not the Congress.
Density of Population, 1820

Purpose: There is sectionalism in areas with higher population per square mile.
[T]his momentous question, like a fire bell in the night, awakened and filled me with terror. I considered it, at once as the [death] knell of the Union. It is hushed, indeed, for the moment. But this is a reprieve only, not a final sentence. A geographical line, coinciding with a marked principle, moral and political, once conceived and held up to the angry passions of men, will never be obliterated; and every new irritation will mark it deeper and deeper.

Purpose: Men were angered and continually irritated with the Missouri Compromise.
My dear Cousin,

... I suppose that by this time you are anxious to hear more about the unhappy business which has filled with consternation all our city and nothing but the merciful interposition of our God has saved us of horror equal if not superior to the scenes acted in St. Domingo- The catalogue is not filled up for we thought that it was ended and that the execution of six of the chiefs would suffice. The court has been dismissed and the town was again sinking into its wonted security when information was given that another attempt would be made at such a time, and the state’s witnesses gave information of such a nature as to induce the city council to recall the court, and since that period the alarm has spread most widely, and there are now between 50 and 60 of the leaders in our jail- It is said that twenty of them have been convicted and sentenced, and in all probability, the execution will not end under 100, but I was told yesterday that the prisoners had been heard to say that even there should be 500 executed there would still be enough to carry the work into execution.

Purpose: At first only 50 to 60 leaders were placed in jail and 100 were told to be executed; however it was later said that 500 leaders would be executed. Southerner problems.
Source: Diary of John Quincy Adams, November 7, 1823

President [Monroe] was averse to any course which should have the appearance of taking a position subordinate to that of Great Britain, and suggested the idea of sending a special Minister to protest against the interposition of the Holy Alliance… I remarked that the communication recently received from the Russian Minister… afforded a very suitable and convenient opportunity for us to take our stand against the Holy Alliance and the same time to decline the overture of Great Britain.

Purpose: President Monroe opposed being subordinate to Britain. He wanted to send a Minister to protest their position. The Russian Minister saved them an opportunity to stand against the Holy Alliance and decline the overture of Great Britain.
Presidential Election, 1820 and 1824

Purpose: With more presidential candidates in 1824, the electoral votes were more spread out compared to 1820 which was 1 electoral vote for John Q. Adams and 231 electoral votes for James Monroe. Also during 1824, Andrew Jackson won both popular and electoral vote with 153,544 for popular votes and 99 electoral votes.
Thesis - “Yes”

- Remember the three introducing sentences!
- Three Prongs
- (Sectionalism, Nationalism, Economy)
- Ex: By looking at the people’s excessive devotion to local customs and interests in the United States, their loyalty to their nation, and the United States’ economic standpoint of the period, we can see a great accuracy of the label the “Era of Good Feelings.”
“Sectionalism” Topic Sentence

- Use your knowledge of Sectionalism!
- Sectionalism - Excessive devotion to local interests and customs.
- Ex: The excessive devotion to local interests within the United States led to rapid growth and conforming to immediate social needs.
- (Needs such as, but not limited to, agriculture in the South, industry and transportation in the North, and expansion and agriculture in the West)
“Sectionalism” - Documents

- **Document A**: The government favored the manufacturers in the North for reducing dependence and producing a great amount of revenue.

- **Document D**: Creating banks separately in states would bring better currency provided within the states making domestic (Statewide) trade possible.

- **Document E**: The more people living in one area, the higher interest in local movements, creating sectionalism.

- **Document I**: Presidential elections show separation in votes and interest in local culture rather than a nation.
“Sectionalism” - Evidence

- 1815, U.S. Signs Treaties With Tribes Taking Western Lands From Indians
  Western lands became more attractive to White settlers because its agricultural lands greatly affected the nation’s economy. During 1815, a series of treaties took more lands (Use with Document D)

- 1816, Tariff Protects Textile Industry
  Due to the growth of textile industries, cotton was of high demand. Cotton was very beneficial for the nation's economy. During 1816, protectionists in Congress won passage for a tariff law that limited competition from abroad on a wide range of items, especially cotton cloth (Document D and Document E)

- 1816, Indiana Enters Union
  At first, Indiana struggled financially. For the first five years, most farmers that bought land from the government did not have to pay taxes. Later, they received grants which allowed them to build roads and canals. (Document D)

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- 1819, Tallmadge Amendment
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- 1824, Supreme Court Rules In Gibbon v. Ogden
  Even though Gibbons was granted permission by Congress to carry passengers through the Hudson river, he lost the case to Ogden who was first granted by New York to carry passengers. Ogden bought a pursuit due to the competition between both business’s trying to carry passengers. (Document E)
“Sectionalism” - Clincher

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- So why was YOUR paragraph important?

- Ex: The rise of sectionalism caused the growth of local social interests, which greatly benefited multiple societies within the United States.
“Sectionalism” - Transition

Transition into next paragraph.... Ex. The growth of sectionalism proves the great accuracy of the “Era of Good Feelings” along with the growth of extreme Nationalism.
“Nationalism” – Topic Sentence

- Use your knowledge of Nationalism
- Nationalism - devotion and loyalty to one’s own nation
- Ex. The loyalty and devotion of citizens to the United States imposed a belief of having sense in all actions.
“Nationalism” - Documents

- Document B - Mentions that we must create a union in this republic because of population growth.

- Document C - Showing people celebrating the “Fourth of July” in a patriotic way. (Pride for Country)

- Document E - Higher Areas of population led to people moving West as Nationalism grew, giving people the thought it was right to expand.

- Document H - Monroe does not want to be subordinate to England, shows Nationalism through trying to make the United States independent.

- Document I - Presidential Elections for 1820 shows complete pride in one person (Monroe)
1815, Jackson Wins Battle of New Orleans
The British planned to march to New Orleans in hopes of capturing the city to separate it from Louisiana. Lafayette warned the Americans about the attack. As soon as the British arrived, they found militiamen under General Andrew Jackson. In half an hour, the British retreated. Andrew Jackson’s victory resulted in national pride. (Document C)

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1816, Second Bank Of The United States Chartered.
During 1816, the second bank of the United States was chartered in 20 states. It’s headquarters were located in Philadelphia. The bank was large enough and had enough power to have control over most state banks (a national bank).

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DON’T WORRY THERES MORE!!!
“Nationalism” – Evidence Con’t

- 1819-1820, Stephen H. Long Explores Kansas, Nebraska, And Colorado
  Stephen H. Long led nine soldiers up the Platte and the South Platte rivers (Nebraska and eastern Colorado) with instructions from the United States government to find sources of the Red River. He was able to view a peak of the Arkansas River (Kansas); however he failed to find traces of the Red River. (Document C and Document E)

- 1821, William Becknell Opens Trade Between U.S. Territories And New Mexico
  William Becknell offered American manufactured goods for sale, priced considerably low compared to the inferior Mexican goods that had dominated the market in the past. Eventually, Mexico effectively lost its markets in its own colonies.

- 1822, Rocky Mountain Fur Company Established
  John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company established Astoria as a trading post at the mouth of Columbia River in Oregon. When war approached, Astor sold all of his imperiled goods to the Northwestern Company. After the war, Astor centered his own operations and extended them westward to the Rockies. (Document C and Document E)

- 1823, Monroe Doctrine Proclaimed
  The Monroe Doctrine declared that the United States would consider any foreign challenge to sovereignty of existing American nations as an unfriendly act. The Monroe Doctrine was important because it established America’s dominance in the Western Hemisphere. Also, it further developed America’s expression of nationalism. (Document E and Document H)
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- Ex. The excessive loyalty and pride within the United States gave citizens a good feeling especially after the multiple battles we have independently won.
“Nationalism” - Transition

Transition into next paragraph…. Ex. Nationalism and Sectionalism show the United States’ reasons for being in an “Era of Good Feelings” especially since they contributed greatly to the economy.
“Economy” – Topic Sentence

- Use the definition of Economy!
- Economy - the management and condition of expenses
- The increasingly important growth of economic management showed the world that the United States was becoming an independent nation.
“Economy” - Documents

- Document A- The government is not paying the farmers who are supporting the war the most, so a request is made to help the farmers by compensating them, strengthening the economy again.

- Document B- A raise in the population will bring more work to America.

- Document D- If states were to use their own banks for their needs, the economy would be based off of states rather than a nation as a whole eventually helping the states and the country.
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- Ex. The great economic standpoint of the period express the label the “Era of Good Feelings.”
“Economy” - Transition

- Transition into contradictory paragraph… Ex. Although the extreme nationalism, sectionalism, and growing economy promote the label of the “Era of Good Feelings,” the United States proved to have some faults.
“Contradictory Paragraph”
– Topic Sentence

- Ex. Slavery and separation of political powers were two known causes that disprove the label, the “Era of Good Feelings.”
“Cont. Paragraph” - Documents

- Document F - The Missouri Compromise resulted in the anger of many people showing separation of the states.

- Document G - Problems of the South differ from those in the North since the South dislikes natives.
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Try to make your three paragraphs look better than this one.

Ex. Although sectionalism separated the North and the South, the overall benefits of nationalism, sectionalism, and the economic standpoint of the time greatly overpowered the miniscule costs.

Next sentence should transition into concluding paragraph.
“Conclusion”

Ex. As a result of the economy, and pride of many peoples’ community and nation it is show that the time between 1815 and 1825 was accurately labeled as the “Era of good feelings.” (Clincher of the 1st Paragraph). (Clincher of the 2nd Paragraph. (Clincher of the 3rd Paragraph). (Clincher of the Contradictory Paragraph). (Concluding Sentence).
Thesis “No”

- Remember the three introducing sentences!
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- By looking at the intense division between states, overwhelming pride of citizens, and moral corruption, it is certain that the “Era of Good Feelings” is an inaccurate label.
“Sectionalism” – Topic Sentence

- Sectionalism- Excessive devotion to local interests and customs.
- Ex. The excessive devotion to special interests within communities lead to much angered separation.
“Sectionalism” - Documents

- Document A - North is favored over the South.

- Document E - Higher population levels means more separation from other communities.

- Document F - People were angered by the Missouri compromise in the South and by Slavery in the North.
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“Sectionalism” - Clincher

- The So What?
- The spread of sectionalism throughout the United States shows the reason for starting impediments on the United States.

- Transition Sentence into Nationalism...
“Nationalism” – Topic Sentence

- Nationalism - devotion and loyalty to one’s own nation.
- Ex. The extreme devotion to the United States led to the belief that immoral actions were justified through the need to expand.
“Nationalism: -Documents

- Document B- A system of union should be built to unite citizens of the United States.

- Document F- The states that were to be slave of free determined on a line rather than human rights.

- Document H- Presidents such as Monroe objected to be lesser to other countries such as Britain.
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SO What?

The influence of nationalism over America led to multiple violations of moral rights.

Transition Sentence into Slavery….
“Slavery” – Topic Sentence

- Slavery - submission to a dominating influence
- Ex. Slavery is the greatest immoral injusticen that pisproved the label, “Era of Good Feelings.”
“Slavery” - Documents

- Document A- The agriculturalists of the South used slaves to do their cheap labor.

- Document F- Men were agrivated by the Missouri Compromise, but not directly at slavery and why it is wrong.

- Document H- Although Monroe does not want to be subordinate to Britain, Britain abolished slavery before the United States showing more power and reform.
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“Slavery” - Clincher

- SO what?
- Ex. Slavery was not debated as a moral value, rather as an economical standard that was deemed to be just since it promoted the general welfare of whites.

- Transition Sentence into contradictory paragraph.
“Contradictory Paragraph”

- Topic Sentence

- Although slavery, nationalism, and sectionalism brought about misconceptions within the American society, there were also some very positive events that took place between 1815-1825.
"Cont. Paragraph" - Documents

- Document B - Sectionalism brought upon the rise of the use of transportation between society.

- Document C - Nationalism brought us all together.

- Document D - If states were to use their own banks for their needs, the economy would be based off of states rather than a nation as a whole eventually helping the states and the country.

- Document F - The Missouri Compromise stopped the spread of slavery to the North.

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“Cont. Paragraph” -Clincher

- So What? (But not as good as your essay)
- Ex. The United States showed some prosperity during this period, but still had many problems with pride and slavery.
Conclusion

- Ex. As a result of intense division between states, overwhelming pride of citizens, and moral corruption, it is certain that the “Era of Good Feelings” is an inaccurate label.” (Clincher of the 1st Paragraph). (Clincher of the 2nd Paragraph. (Clincher of the 3rd Paragraph). (Clincher of the Contradictory Paragraph). (Concluding Sentence).