Critical Thinking Questions CH 1.4

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1. Why did Native Americans fear that pioneers might threaten their way of life?
2. What did the United States gain from the war with Mexico?
3. What did Mexico gain from the war with the United States?
4. What problems might occur in the future if new territories instituted popular sovereignty?
5. How was the Fugitive Slave Act a threat to free African Americans?
6. Most of the justices in the Dred Scott case were Southerners, how might this have made the court’s decision biased?
7. What do you think was the most influential event on the road to secession? Explain.
8. Could the South’s secession have been prevented? Why or why not?