

American History: The Mexican War

Name: _____

Who led American settlers into Texas? _____

Where did the Texans heroically fight to the death for their independence? _____

What Texan hero defeated Santa Anna to earn Texas their independence? _____

What Southern Democrat was elected President of the United States in 1844? _____

What was his opinion about the annexation of Texas?

What fears does *Mexico's Secretary of War Jose Maria Tornel y Mendiivil* have about the U.S.?

General Zachary Taylor and the Rio Grande Dispute.....how do we bully Mexico into a war?

Read Abraham Lincoln's "Spot Resolution" (House of Representatives on 12/22/47):

Was Lincoln (a Whig) a supporter or opponent of Polk and the war? How can you tell?

Lincoln quotes Polk three times, what do these quotes convey about Polk's reason for war?

What is the purpose of these Resolutions?

Which of these Resolutions is the most important to prove? Explain.

Should the government be accountable for its military actions? Why or why not?

Compare to Obama's criticism of Bush's invasion of Iraq in 2003?

What were the three aspects of Polk's military strategy?

General Zachary Taylor—

General Winfield Scott—

General Stephen Kearny—

What does the oral history of *George Ballantine* reveal about fighting in the Mexican War?

What happened to Santa Anna's leg?

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.....Details

What was the Mexican Cession?

Gadsden Purchase?

How do the words of *New Mexico Governor Juan Bautista Vigil y Alarid* convey the views of the native population of the Southwest as they become part of the U.S.?

What was proposed in the Wilmot Proviso (1846)?

How would the Mexican War strain relations between the North and South?

Opposition to the Mexican War

What view does *U.S. Grant* have of the war with Mexico?

Mexican War in Historical Perspective

Given what territory the U.S. gained in the Mexican War, why isn't President Polk on Mount Rushmore?