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7th Grade US History
Standard # - Do Now - Day #107

Aims: SWBAT identify the causes of the Mexican-American War
SWBAT identify two different perspectives on the Mexican-American War
SWBAT identify and explain the terms of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

DO NOW

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete and historically accurate sentences. You must attempt each question, there should be absolutely no blank spaces. Be sure to provide examples and evidence to support your answers.

1. What were five reasons the American settlers living in Texas wanted their independence?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

2. In your opinion, who do you think was more responsible for the Texas Revolution? Explain.



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I. Preview

Think of a time when a friend or younger sibling had something of yours that you wanted back but the other person refused to return it. What did you do?

This is what happened in the first battle of the Texas Revolution, the Battle of Gonzales.



COME AND TAKE IT

II. Quick Notes

The Mexican government had loaned a small _____ to the people of _____, Texas to help them _____ their community from attacks by hostile Native Americans.

Due to the rising _____ between the _____ government and the _____ (Texas colonists), the Mexican soldiers stationed at San Antonio wanted to _____.

General _____, Commander in San Antonio, sent soldiers to Gonzales to request that the cannon be _____.

The Texians _____ and flew their flag that said _____!
Shots were exchanged the Mexican returned to San Antonio _____ the cannon.

This was the _____. The Texas Revolution had begun!



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III. Video Analysis Quick Notes & Quiz

1. California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and parts of Wyoming and Colorado were all once _____. Almost _____ of Mexico's original holdings are now part of the _____. Most of this territory was lost at the close of the _____ War.

2. What is a Texian? _____

3. After less than a year of fighting, the rebels, led by Texas hero _____, defeated and captured _____! They made him sign the Treaties of Velasco recognizing the Republic of Texas as an _____ with a border at the _____ river.

4. Santa Anna's army surrounded a few hundred Texian troops at the _____, a military fort in Texas. The Texians refused to _____ and were all killed. "_____ " became a rallying cry not just in Texas, but across America.

5. It all came to a head in 1845 when the US admitted Texas as it _____ state. Knowing that the new border was disputed, President _____ sent troops to the _____. The US offered \$_____ for California and New Mexico but the Mexicans thought that the US was _____ them.

6. The war ended on February 2, 1848, with the Treaty of _____. It forced Mexico to recognize Texas's _____ and awarded the United States a huge tract of land known as the _____. In return, the US paid Mexico \$_____ and forgave \$_____ in debt. The _____, a \$10 million land sale moved the Mexican-American _____ to where it is today.



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Stop & Jot: Ms. Brown asks you questions all the time, now it’s your turn to ask your peers questions. With your shoulder partner write one test question you think a Regents Prep US History teacher might put on a test. Use the information from your notes, the video and your knowledge of history to create your REGENTS PREP questions. Be sure to include the answer!

Question:

Answer:

IV. Analyzing Perspectives

Document 1

“What does miserable, useless Mexico have to do with the great mission of populating the new world with a respectable race? It is our responsibility to achieve that mission! Mexico only has superstition and actual tyranny by the few over the many.” – Walt Whitman

According to Walt Whitman, why should the United States claim land, instead of Mexico? Explain

Document 2

The present crisis is not an ordinary one, especially in regard to the horrible war with Mexico. It is certainly not a popular war; it was begun and is continued against the deep moral desires of the thoughtful portion of the people. The real object of this war, the extension and preservation of slavery, can not be doubted. And yet, appears in a patriotic garb, and obtains a sanction practically that is almost universal. – William Lloyd Garrison, famous abolitionist



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According to William Lloyd Garrison, what is the real reason behind the Mexican-American War?

Document 3

Every lover of freedom and humanity, must wish them [the Mexicans] the most triumphant success...We only hope that, if blood has to be shed that it has been the blood of the Americans, and that the next piece of news we shall hear will be that General Scott and his army are in the hands of the Mexicans...We wish the General and his troops no bodily harm, but the most complete defeat and disgrace. – The Liberator

What was the author's opinion of the Mexican War?



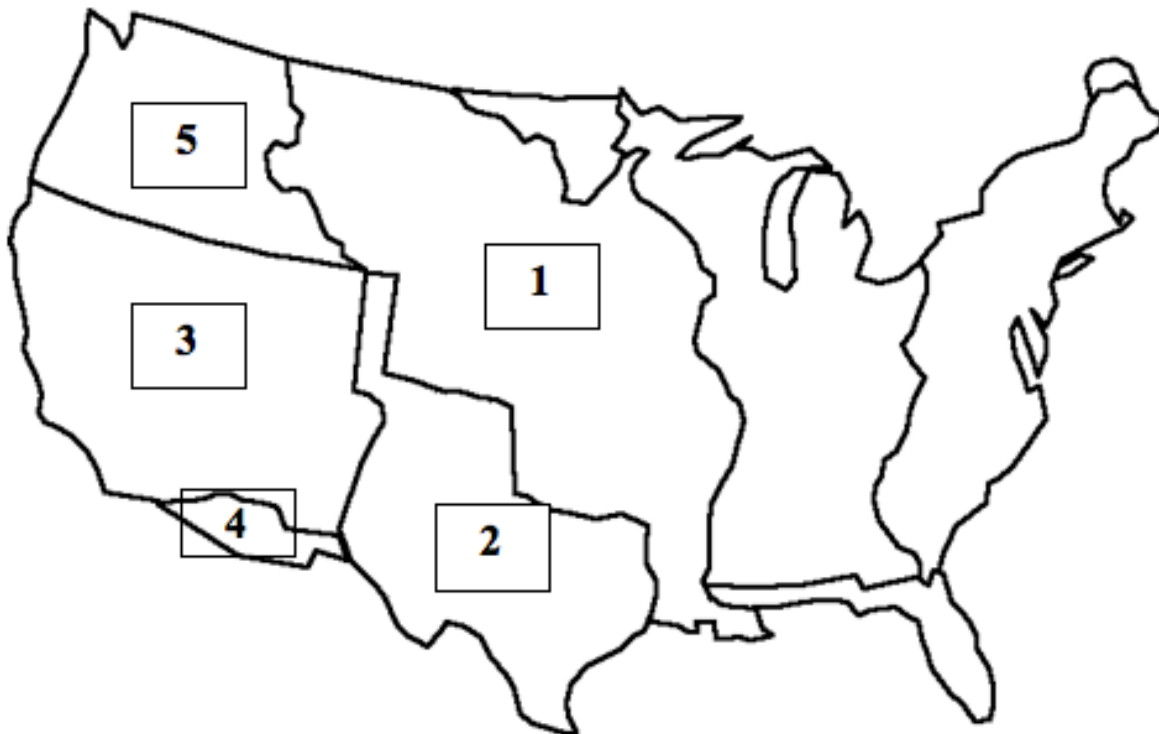


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Mexican-American War HOMEWORK

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Directions: For each area on the map, describe how it became a part of the United States of America. Make sure yours looks like the sample given below.



WORD BANK

Gadsden Purchase

Louisiana Purchase

Mexican Cession

Texas Annexation

Treaty Line of 1846

SAMPLE: America acquired **section five** through the **Treaty Line of 1846**. This Treaty with Great Britain was an agreement between the two countries marking the border between British owned Canada and now American owned Oregon Country.

1. _____

2. _____



3. _____

4. _____

Historical Headlines! You're the Reporter of History

Directions: Write the first headline for a US newspaper whose editors agreed with Manifest Destiny and the Mexican American War. Write the second headline for a newspaper in Mexico. Be sure to capture the main idea of the event.

Manifest Destiny Times

Tiempos de México

Do you think that the Mexican-American War was justified? Explain why or why not. You must use the terms: *Manifest Destiny, Texian*



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**Mexican-American War
EXIT TICKET**

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1. Which of the following was acquired by the United States at the close of the Mexican War? (Circle the correct state)



2. What affect did the Battle of the Alamo have on the Mexican-American War?
- It led to the unconditional surrender of the Mexican Army
 - It enabled Texas to join the United States
 - It drummed up American anger against Mexico before the war began
 - It preceded the American attack against Mexico
3. What can you infer about how the Mexican American War affected General Zachary Taylor's career?
- It made him so popular that he was soon elected president
 - It enabled him to serve as Governor of Texas for two decades
 - It ruined his prospects of ever being elected to public office
 - It made him extremely popular in Mexico, but unpopular in the United States.
4. Why did Mexico believe that Santa Anna's forced signing of the Treaties of Velasco made them invalid?
- As military commander, Santa Anna was not empowered to sign treaties
 - Santa Anna could not read English, so he couldn't understand the treaty
 - Santa Anna's signature was forged by the Texians who captured him
 - In order for a peace agreement to be valid, both sides need to sign it voluntarily
5. Why did the Mexican American War cause lingering resentment among Mexicans?
- Any major military defeat is bound to upset the populace
 - They were close to winning the war until the very end, when General Scott entered Mexico City
 - It was an unprovoked war that resulted in the loss of more than half their land
 - Mexican citizens lost their right to vote and own property