Answers to the worksheet form the Mexican American War reading.

- 1. Obvious fate to own or settle all the land in the West..from ocean to ocean.
- 2. B-small battle-referring to Mexico "shedding American blood on American soil"
- 3. 1/3 of their territory
- 4. California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico
- 5. 1836- Texas gained its independence from Mexico
- 6. Texas would add another slave state and Mexico said if you do, we will declare war on the US.
- 7. James K. Polk- He was the Manifest Destiny President. He was elected because of his desire to add more territory to the US.
- 8. We offered \$30 million dollars for the area of California and what we call now, The Mexican Cession.
- 9. Mexico was offended that we offered to buy land that was not for sale.
- 10. Zachary Taylor, later US President, was the commander of the troops who Polk sent to the Rio Grande. This is where the first shots were fired.
- 11. "American blood was shed on American soil." This got Congress to declare war on Mexico in 1846.
- 12. Northern lawmakers did not want this war because any land won would become slave states. Northern lawmakers did not want slavery in any new territory.
- 13. Chapultepec Castle: Where last battle of the war was fought near Mexico City.

14. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo- Mexico gave up California (lost in the Bear Flag Revolt during the war) and the Mexican Cession.

15. The Rio Grande is the new southern border of Texas/United States. (Part of the Treaty of G.H.)

16. We gave Mexico \$15 million plus damages after the war.

EXTRA INFORMATION Gadsden Purchase: bought to put a railroad from California to the East Coast. \$10 million dollars for it.