

The Mexican-American War

Use the reading to answer the questions below. Please use complete sentences.

1. Please explain "Manifest Destiny" _____

2. What is a skirmish?
 - a. An alien
 - b. A small battle
 - c. A border crossing
3. How much territory did Mexico lose to the US after the war? _____

4. What present day states were carved out of the lost land? _____

5. What year did Texas gain its independence from Mexico? _____
6. Explain why Texas was not immediately added to the US after it won its independence from Mexico. _____

Side note: Annexation means to be brought into or made a part of something.

7. Under what president was Texas made a state? _____.

8. What did he, the new president, offer Mexico for the other lands in the American Southwest? _____.

9. When rejected, what did Polk do? _____

_____.

10. Why would this cause a problem? _____

_____.

11. Who was the commanding general in the disputed zone, for the Americans? _____.

12. How did Polk convince Congress to go to war? What did he tell them the Mexican army did? _____

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13. Why do you think NORTHERN lawmakers would not want this war? (think about the type of states that would come in out of this newly won land) _____

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14. In the earlier parts of the reading, it described the condition of the Mexican army. How would this influence the following situation?

“Kearny and Stockton were able to conquer those lands with minimal resistance.”

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15. Where was Santa Anna living at the time of the Mexican War AND why did they call on him to lead the Mexican army? _____

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16. Was Santa Anna successful in his double-cross of Polk? How can you tell? _____

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17. Whose route, from Veracruz, did Scott follow? _____.

18. Where in Mexico City, was the final battle of the war fought? _____.

19. What was the treaty that ended the Mexican War called? _____

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20. What was the new border of Texas? _____.

21. How much did we pay for California and the rest of the territory north of the Rio Grande? _____.

22. Using the map scale on the back page, how far, in miles, is it from Veracruz to Chapultepec? _____.

23. In your opinion, after reading this document and seeing how it started, was this war a just and legal war? Why or why not.

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