

# Answer Key: The U.S.-Mexico War

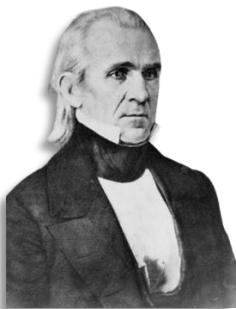
## Warm-up

- Responses will vary

## Lesson

Guides Notes fill-in-the-blank responses for Foundations level work provided below.

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*Write the correct word(s) from the slide*

- U.S. President 1845 – 1849
- Goal: Westward expansion of the U.S. to the Pacific Ocean.
- Why?
  - Better access to profitable markets with Asia
  - Manifest Destiny

### The U.S.-Mexico War

#### The Causes of the U.S.-Mexico War



*Circle the correct word  
Cross out the incorrect words*

1. Mexico opposed the U.S. annexation / ~~cession~~ / ~~expansion~~ of Texas
2. Disputes between the U.S. and Mexico over the southern territory / ~~settlements~~ / border of Texas

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## Notable Battles



Circle the correct word  
Cross out the incorrect words  
Write the correct word(s)

- **Battle of Palo Alto:** (May 1846) The bloodiest / first / final battle of the war
- **Battle of Buena Vista:** (February 1847) American General Zachary Taylor defeated Santa Anna in one of the largest battles of the war.
- **Capture of Mexico City:** (September 1847) Leads to the beginning / turning point / end of the war.

## The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo February 1848



Circle the correct word  
Cross out the incorrect words  
Write the correct word(s)

- Mexico annexed / **ceded** / cession all its land from Texas west to California.
- The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million for the land.
- Mexican citizens in the ceded territory could automatically become U.S. citizens / immigrants / rich

## Texas & the U.S.-Mexico War



Circle the correct word  
Cross out the incorrect words  
Write the correct word(s)

- Approximately 10,000 / **8,000** / 18,000 Texans fought in the U.S.-Mexico War.
- The Texas **Rangers** fought alongside the regular U.S. Army.
- New army settlements / **forts** / missions were built in Texas during the war.

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<h3>Significance of the U.S.-Mexico War</h3> 	<p><i>Circle the correct word</i>  <i>Cross out the incorrect words</i>  <i>Write the correct word(s)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <u>Nueces River</u> / <u>Red River</u> / <b>Rio Grande</b> is solidified as Texas' southern border.</li> <li>The U.S. now extends fully to the <u>south</u> / <b>west</b> / <u>east</u> coast.</li> <li>The new lands of the Mexican Cession start new arguments about the expansion of slavery in the U.S.</li> </ul>
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### Exit Ticket

Responses will vary but should include any of the information in the chart below.

Cause	Significant Event	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disputes between Mexico and the U.S. over the Texas border.</li> <li>Disputes between the U.S. and Mexico over ownership of Texas</li> <li>Disputes between Mexico and the U.S. over the annexation of Texas</li> </ul>	<p>The United States and Mexico fought a war from 1846 to 1848.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The U.S. won the war and gained all Mexican territory west of Texas including California, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, and Wyoming.</li> <li>The addition of new western territories caused disagreements between the North and South over slavery</li> </ul>