MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR

The Mexican-American War is perhaps the most important event in Texas history. It was a war between the United States and Mexico from 1846 to 1848. Texas was a state of Mexico and as it became more and more settled, people in Texas decided they didn't want to be a part of Mexico anymore.

After years of conflict with Mexico, Texans wanted to separate from Mexico. In 1836, Texas declared independence from Mexico. They formed the Republic of Texas.

When Texans declared independence, Mexico wasn't pleased. The Texans took over a fort called the Alamo. Some Texans wanted to abandon the fort. Others did not. In the end, the Alamo was a large battle when 200 Texans were killed. "Remember the Alamo!" became the battle cry of Texans during the Mexican-American War.

Texas later joined the United States. Mexico was not happy about this. They couldn't agree on where the border between Mexico and the United States was.

The president of the United States at the time was James K. Polk. Polk sent troops to protect the border between Mexico and the United States. Fighting began and war was declared on May 13th, 1846.

The Mexicans were led by General Santa Anna, and the United States was led by Generals Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott.

The most famous battles of the war were the Battle of Palo Alto, the Battle of Monterrey, and the Battle of Buena Vista.

At Buena Vista, the United States was able to fight off Mexico and win. The Mexicans had 15,000 soldiers, while the United States only had 5,000.

Eventually, the United States captured the capital of Mexico, Mexico City. The army, led by Winfield Scott, captured Mexico City in August of 1847.

After the United States took control of Mexico City, the Mexicans agreed to a peace treaty. It was called the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. In this treaty, the border between Mexico and the United States was settled, and a large portion of land was sold to the United States.

WORDS TO KNOW

Settled – people living there
Treaty – peace agreement
Conflict – troubles and disagreements

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SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

? Something you have a question about

! Something that surprises you

Circle your favorite fact

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When was the Mexican-American War?

GREEN
What were the results of the treaty?

BLUE
What were the most famous battles?

PREVIEW

THE TEXAS REVOLUTION

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

many f lies did Stephen Austin bring with him?

☐ 300 ☐ 400

Who refused t Te become an independent country?

☐ P ☐ Austin ☐ Santa Anna

Whe t voluti nd?

☐ 183 ☐ 37 ☐ 1838

TRU OR FALSE

In 1832, an Am an nam Stephen Austin moved t as to be an emperor.

TRUE FALSE

In the end, Texas won its independence from France.

RUE FALSE

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Mexico banned the arrival of more people, and also banned _____.

Santa Anna was away, there were pr s in the gov ent, there was an outbreak of _____

WORD SEARC

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CAUSES OF THE WAR

PREVIEW

...ways, it is hard to know when the Mexican-American War really started. T...exican-A...erican War was actually just a continuation of the Texas Revolution. ...xas Re...tion lasted from 1835 to 1836. Though the Mexican-American War sta...rs la...it was caused by the outcome of the Texas Revolution.

After Texa... independence, its relationship with Mexico continued to be strained. Mexi... refused ...ccept that Texas was independent.

Eve... Texas w... annexed in 1845 as part of the United States. This means that th...f... Te... part of their country. The Texans were happy about this ...caus... United State... protect them from invasions from Mexico, and also could help ...r economy ... Unite... tates had good trade relationships with many countries.

The U.S. wan... ...d to the wes... They believed in Man... Destiny. ...was a b... that God destined for the ...d States to extend ...he way across the continen... U.S. offered ...uy the area that is now Arizona, N... Mexico, a... ...xas. Ho... Mexico didn't believe in the idea o... unifi... ...ny. They did not want the United St... ...ad across th... continent. They wanted to kee... ...and, and they refused to sell it.

There was also disagreement over borders. Mexico and the United States didn't agr... on w... the border between Mexico and the United S... ...as.

The dispute got worse when Mexican ...diers attacked American soldiers in April of 1846. T... killed twelve soldiers.

The president of the United States, James K. asked Congress to declare war on Mexico. He moved troops into California and also into the Mexican state of Coahuila.

The American troops were led by Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott. Zachary Taylor later became president of the United States.

WORDS TO KNOW

Strained – feeling tense or uncomfortable
Economy – goods and services of an area
Dispute – disagreement or argument

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What is ... Destiny?

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Why was Texas happy to be part of the US?

THE BATTLES

CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

n did th exican governor leave California?

☐ 1846 ☐ 1847

Who led his s 's f efeat Mexico at the Battle of Buena Monterrey?

☐ J ☐ Scott ☐ Santa Anna

How y s did United States send into Mexico?

☐ 2 ☐ 4

TRUE OR FALSE

Since the Mex gover t was not very stable, military did not have very good le ship.

TRUE FALSE

Ulysses S. Grant was the commander for the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

UE FALSE

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In the Battle of Buena Vista, the Americans we _____.

After the U.S. started the war, Antoni z de Santa a lea _____ s rs.

WORD SEARC

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