

Texas and Mexico



In 1820, Mexico gains its independence from Spain.



In December, 1845 Congress votes to admit Texas as a U.S. state.

In 1822, Mexico grants land in Texas to American Settlers

"empresarios"
Had to follow Mexico's laws and ways

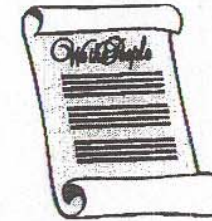


The winner of the 1844 election, James Polk Manifest Destiny promises to expand into Texas and California.

1835, settlers revolt against dictator General Santa Anna

Mexican troops occupy San Antonio in Mid 1835

Alamo Siege



On March 2, 1836 Texans issue their Declaration of Independence.

The issue of Texas' annexation becomes a political issue.

Slave or Free?

Santa Anna is captured on April 21, 1836. Texas becomes independent May 14
Sam Houston is elected as the first president of Texas.

Texas! Americans outraged

A bloody battle takes place at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. Results: All (most?) Americans killed

* Polk Negotiated w/ GB concerning OR Line -> extended to Pacific Coast (1846)

Disputed border
Mexico's reaction: Turkey, Broke off relations

On April 24, 1846 Mexican troops clashed with American soldiers

Mexico -> Line at Nueces R
USA -> Line at Rio Grande

Polk urges Congress to declare war. On May 13, 1846, war is declared on Mexico.

S+W (Democrats supported)
NE did not support -> thought American reaction: War was for Slavery + land
* Thousands volunteered

Treaty's main points:
1. Rio Grande border -> TX is American
* 2. Mexican Cession -> CA + NM to USA
3. USA paid Mexico 15 million

1853
USA paid Mexico 10 million for southern edge of AZ + NM (Gadsden Purchase) *

USA thrilled; supports Manifest Destiny
Effects of war:
Mexico: Angry, distrustful, but now more united

• Lost 1/2 of its territory
-> USA main land reaches its present size

In Feb 1848, the U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

The U.S. Army wins California by January 1847
By September 1847 the U.S. has conquered Mexico City.