

30 Days of History: Mexican-American War

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Introduction

30 Days of History is designed to give your students 4-6 weeks of daily work focused on a specific topic or time period. Each unit looks at significant events and asks 7 questions on each that will draw your students into researching and learning more. 30 Days of History: Mexican-American War looks at key terms, people, and many well-known battles, as well as some that are not as familiar. This can be used as a supplement to your history class, a tool to help develop research skills, or fun work to fill in as needed. However you use it, you're sure to learn more about the Mexican-American War and discover history along the way.

There are a variety of sources online that can provide information on the Mexican-American War. One site that was particularly helpful in preparing this resource was The World Heritage Encyclopedia, <http://worldheritage.org/>. Various state encyclopedias as well as general encyclopedias were also helpful.

Please note, "Monterey" refers to the location in California, and "Monterrey" refers to the location in Mexico.



Causes of the War

What is manifest destiny as it relates to the expansion of United States territory? _____

What territories were Americans settling in that belonged to Mexico? How did Mexico feel about Americans settling in their territories? How did the people living in these territories feel about Mexican rule? _____

Mexico owed the United States more than \$3 million dollars for lives and property lost in the Mexican fight for independence from Spain. What was the feeling among many American citizens concerning the collection of this debt? _____

When did Texas revolt against the Mexican government? When did Texas declare itself the Republic of Texas? Did Mexico recognize the Texan claim of independence? How did Mexico feel about the possibility of Texas becoming a state of the United States? _____

When did Texas become a state? What happened concerning the diplomatic relations with Mexico when Texas became a state? _____

Velasco, Texas, served as a temporary capital of the Republic of Texas. The treaties concluding the Texas Revolution were signed there. Under what conditions did General Santa Anna sign the treaties? How did Mexico feel about the Treaties of Velasco? _____

Where did Mexico claim the southwestern border of Texas was? Where did Texas claim their southwestern border was? Show these on the map below. _____

