Cultura-Lección Preliminar

The Mexican American War

Watch [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U9vbZwFZL4) about the Mexican American War and complete the following. **Finished that already**

1. In the 1840s America was a young country hungry to **expand** its territory.
2. President Polk believed in **Manifest Destiny**, an idea that the US had a God- given right or duty to expand westward.
3. Which of the following were reasons settlers would want to emigrate westward:

a.) to fight with Native Americans

b.) to spread their religion

c.) gain wealth

d.) get a fresh start

e.) all of the above

f.) B., C., and D.

1. What was Mexico's reaction to The United States' westward expansion? Why do you think the country felt the way it did? **Mexico's reaction was no, we do not want them to take our land. I think Mexico felt that way because they did not want to lose their land because of an expansion and were bitter about losing Texas to the US. during the war in 1836.**
2. How much money did Polk offer to Mexico for California and New Mexico? **President Polk offered thirty millions dollars for both New Mexico and California, but they refused.**
3. True or false: Polk sent troops to occupy the Mexico/ Texas border after declaring war on Mexico in 1846.
4. List 2 reasons why the Mexican forces were not prepared for war against the US. **Polk took the opportunity to declare war on Mexico and had plenty of troops. While Mexico was unprepared because their internal politics and government were a mess, and they didn’t have as many troops to fight the US. Military’s force.**
5. How many years of fighting took place before Mexico was defeated?

a.) 1 year

b.) 2 years

c.) 3 years

d.) more than 5 years

1. **True** or false: The name of the treaty that was signed after this war was the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
2. The US gained what percentage of Mexico's territory in the treaty? **Mexico ceded one third of its territory to the US.**
3. Mark which of the following are states the US gained at the end of the Mexican American War:

-California -Texas -Arizona -Washington

-Florida -Nevada -Oregon **-Utah**

1. Pause the video at the 1:57 mark. Describe the map of the US and how it changed as a result of the treaty. **The US. had only half of the land of the continent, but with the treaty Mexico they handed countries over to the US. So they had more land than Mexico did.**
2. Share your reaction to the information presented in this short summary of the Mexican American War. Were you surprised or not to learn about how the US acquired many western states or not? Why? **I never knew this, so I am very surprised to hear that Mexico and the US had a war and Mexico lost. What’s even more surprising for me is that apparently Nevada was owned by Mexico, but was handed over to the US. It's crazy.**