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# Mexican-American War Internet Scavenger Hunt Activity WebQuest

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## Background

1. Texas had been a state of the country of Mexico since 1821 when Mexico gained its independence from Spain. In 1836, they declared their independence from Mexico and formed the Republic of Texas.

## Texas Becomes a US State

2. In 1845, Texas joined the United States as the 28th state.
3. There was a big disagreement about the border of Texas. Where did Mexico say the border was and where did Texas claim the border was?
  - Mexico: Nueces River
  - Texas: Rio grande River

## War with Mexico

4. What date did the United States declare war on Mexico?  
May 13, 1846
5. Who led the Mexican army and the US forces?
  - Mexican army: General Santa Anna
  - US forces: General Zachary Taylor and General Winfield Scott
6. At the Battle of Buena Vista, Taylor and 5000 troops were attacked by 14000 mexican troops led by Santa Anna. They held off the attack and won the battle despite being outnumbered.

## Capture of Mexico City

7. What did President Polk consider Zachary Taylor?

a rival

8. Instead of reinforcing Taylor's troops to capture Mexico City, he sent in another army led by General Winfield Scott. Scott advanced to Mexico City and captured it in August of 1847.

## Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

9. In the peace treaty called the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, what two things did the United States and Mexico agree on?

- texas boundary = rio grande river
- us get more land in exchange for 15mil

10. List at least three states that make up the land that was sold to the United States for \$15 million.

- Nevada
- Utah
- California

## Interesting Facts About the Mexican-American War

11. Name two interesting facts about the Mexican-American War:

- Mexico gave 55% of land to US
- The land Mexico gave away is called the Mexican Cession In The US