

War with Mexico

Before you Read

Look at the heading, subheadings, and pictures in this lesson. Predict what will this reading be about?

While You Read

List two disputes or disagreements the US and Mexico had that led to war.

- 1.
- 2.

Which Mexican territories did President James K. Polk want to buy from Mexico?

What was the Mexican government's attitude about selling this land to the US?

What was President Polk's message to Congress about Mexico?

What does your textbook mean when it says that the land where the fighting started in a "zone claimed by both nations?"

When did the Congress declare war on Mexico?

After the war started describe what happened in each of the following territories:

1. Texas
2. New Mexico
3. California

What did the US do to force Mexico to the peace table?

When did fighting stop in the Mexican-American War?

According to your textbook, what did the US get in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?

Which new US states were created from Mexican territories?

After You Read:

Use the map on page 291 to answer the questions below:

1. How many battles did General Taylor fight after leaving Corpus Christi?
2. Where was a Mexican victory in the Mexican-American War?
3. Which general led US troops into Mexico City?
4. How did this war affect the size of the US?