

"WE DIDN'T CROSS THE BORDER, THE BORDER CROSSED US."

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Identify the symbols in your visual, and explain how each symbol is related to the US expansion into Mexico.

The Sun shows that the American expansion gives light towards the unexplored Western side. The Mexican flag is slowly turning into the American flag which means it is being slowly taken over. The lady in the middle represents America's dream of "Manifest Destiny" which is to move from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The hand tugging the Texan flag means the annexation of Texas. In addition, it means the U.S. is supporting Texas away from the Mexican reach. The Green Clover represents the 500 Irish men who sided with the Mexicans. The eyes in the upper left means that the Mexicans felt mad about the U.S. expansion. Furthermore, it also shows that there is sorrow for their land has been taken over. The shouting faces means that the Mexicans fought hard through blood, sweat and tears.