What did JAMES POLK say he would do if he was elected president?

JAMES POLK said if elected he would expand the U.S. into Oregon and Texas.

He was elected in 1844 and became our 11th President.

What is MANIFEST DESTINY?

MANIFEST DESTINY - the belief that someday the United States would stretch from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.
How did Mexico feel about Texas officially becoming part of the United States in 1845?

Mexico in 1845 still disputes that Texas is part of their country and not the United States.

Mexico and the United States also are in dispute over the southern border of Texas - Texas says Rio Grande River, Mexico says Nueces River.
How did the U.S. try to avoid war with Mexico and still gain Texas, California and New Mexico?

The U.S. offers to buy Texas, California and New Mexico for $25 million

Mexico says no thanks

Who is ZACHARY TAYLOR?

ZACHARY TAYLOR - commands troops along the Rio Grande River

Is involved in the first battle of the Mexican War

How did the war with Mexico start?
The Mexican War started with a battle near the Rio Grande River.

President Polk states that Mexico has invaded the United States.

ALEXANDER DONIPHAN
LIBERTY NATIVE THAT LED AMERICAN TROOPS IN SEVERAL KEY BATTLES OF THE WAR WITH MEXICO

What is the BEAR FLAG REPUBLIC?
Americans in California declared themselves independent of Mexico and created THE BEAR FLAG REPUBLIC (California).

Compare the American and Mexican armies:
Who has more troops?
Who is better trained?

Mexican army was larger in numbers, but the U.S. troops were better trained.

What treaty ends the war with Mexico?
TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO is the treaty that ends the war with Mexico.

Describe the MEXICAN CESSION:

MEXICAN CESSION - the area given up by Mexico to the U.S. after the war - includes present day states of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming.

What was the purpose of the GADSDEN PURCHASE?

GADSDEN PURCHASE - area of land bought by the U.S. from Mexico for $10 million - intended to be a route for a transcontinental railroad.
GADSDEN PURCHASE

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