Quick Study Guide

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Spain Settles the Southwest

The Spanish Borderlands

New Mexico

- Oldest Spanish colony in borderlands
- Warfare with Apache nomads discourages settlement
- Spain builds defenses; some Apaches accept life on reservations
- Hispanic population grows

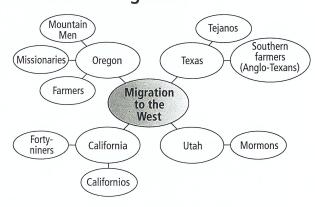
Texas

- Settled by Spanish as buffer zone to protect Mexico
- Warfare with Native Americans discourages settlement
- Cattle ranching is central to economy

California

- Colonized to prevent Russian settlement
- Distance from Mexico discourages settlement
- Strong mission system; Native Americans forced to live and work on missions

Westward Migration



The Mexican-American War

Cause and Effect

Causes

- Expansionists pursue Manifest Destiny.
- Texas wins independence from Mexico.
- Boundary dispute arises between Mexico and Texas.
- · United States annexes Texas.
- President Polk sends U.S. troops into disputed area of Texas.
- Mexican and U.S. troops clash in Texas.

Mexican-American War

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Effects

- United States wins quick victory.
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo cedes Southwest to United States.
- Wilmot Proviso is proposed, then defeated in Congress.
- Issue of slavery in West divides nation.
- Mexican Americans in West lose many rights.
- Americans migrate to California during Gold Rush.

Quick Study Timeline



1826 Jedediah Smith blazes California Trail



1836 Texas declares independence

In America

Presidential Terms James Monroe 1817–1825

John Quincy Adams 1825–1829 Andrew Jackson 1829–1837 1830 Martin Van Buren 1837-1841

1820

Around the World

1821

Mexico wins independence

1834

Santa Anna becomes dictator of Mexico

American Issues Connector

By connecting prior knowledge with what you have learned in this chapter, you can gradually build your understanding of enduring questions that still affect America today. Answer the questions below. Then, use your American Issues Connector study guide (or go online: www.PHSchool.com Web Code: neh-0910).

Issues You Learned About

- America Goes to War Events in Texas led the United States to go to war with Mexico, its neighbor to the south.
- 1. Prior to the Mexican-American War, what conflicts had the United States fought?
- 2. What justification did the United States make for declaring war on Mexico? What do you think Mexico thought about this reasoning?
- 3. What advantages did the United States have over Mexico in the Mexican-American War?
- Territorial Expansion of the United States The United States has gradually added territory through purchase and treaties and as a result of wars.
- 4. What was the importance of the Louisiana Purchase?
- 5. Would the Mexican-American War have occurred if expansionists had not hoped to gain control of Mexico's northern territories? Explain.
- 6. How did the settlement of California by gold seekers impact the lives of the people already settled there?

- Sectionalism and Nationalism People may hold political opinions that are based on the particular needs of the region in which they live.
- **7.** What challenge caused the greatest debate between northerners and southerners during the early to mid-1800s? Give specific examples of issues that were part of this debate.
- 8. Was the balance of power in the Senate tipped by the admission of California into the Union? Explain.

Connect to Your World

Activity

Migration and Urbanization The 1836 population of Los Angeles totaled 2,288 residents, including 553 Native Americans and only 29 white Americans. The vast majority were Mexican. Go online or to your local library and conduct research to learn the current population of Los Angeles. Investigate the figures, such as how many people live there, what percentage of the population is made up of immigrants, and where these immigrants came from, as well as the cultural influences that have shaped the city over the years and which are still seen in Los Angeles today. Use your findings to write a paragraph or two explaining the ethnic character of modern-day Los Angeles.



1846 Mexican-American lar begins

1848 Gold is discovered in California 1851 **Treaty** of Fort Laramie 1853 Gadsden **Purchase** 1861

Civil War begins

History *Interactive* For: Interactive timeline Web Code: ncp-0909

William H. Harrison 1841 James K. Polk John Tyler 1841-1845

Zachary Taylor 1849–1850 Millard Fillmore 1850–1853

Franklin Pierce

James Buchanan

1840

1846

Britain compromises with **United States on Oregon** 1849

1850

Chinese immigration to America begins