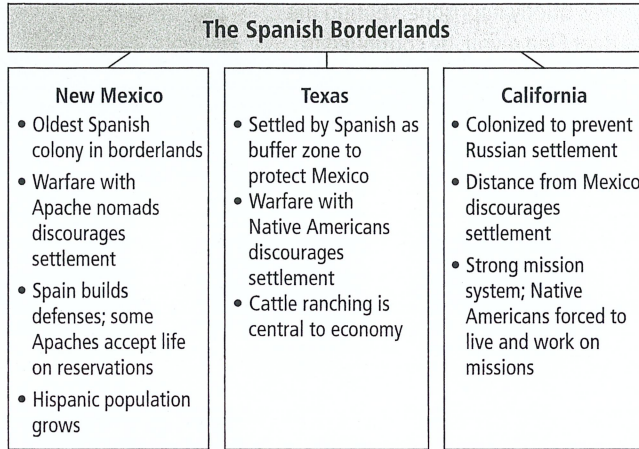


# Quick Study Guide

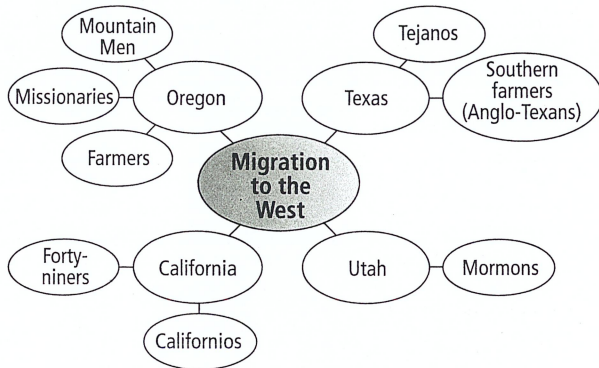
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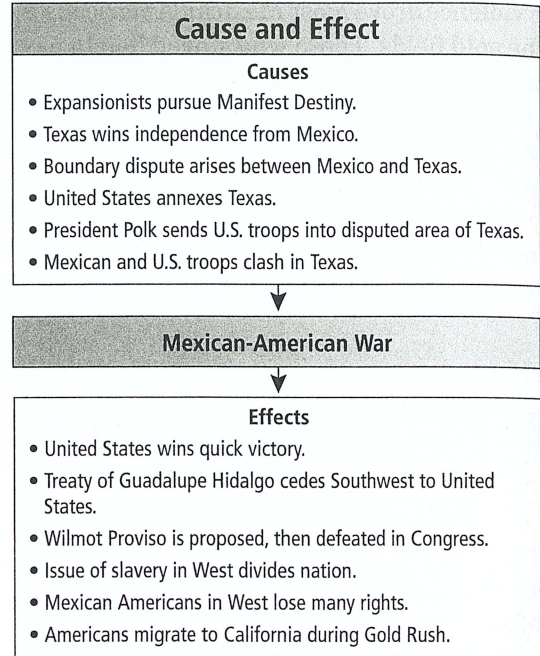
### Spain Settles the Southwest



### Westward Migration



### The Mexican-American War



### Quick Study Timeline

	<p><b>1826</b> Jedediah Smith blazes California Trail</p>		<p><b>1836</b> Texas declares independence</p>
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#### In America

Presidential Terms	James Monroe 1817–1825	John Quincy Adams 1825–1829	Andrew Jackson 1829–1837	Martin Van Buren 1837–1841
	<b>1820</b>		<b>1830</b>	

#### Around the World

<b>1821</b> Mexico wins independence	<b>1834</b> Santa Anna becomes dictator of Mexico
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# 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](http://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.

### History Interactive

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1846  
Mexican-American War begins

1848  
Gold is discovered in California

1851  
Treaty of Fort Laramie

1853  
Gadsden Purchase

1861  
Civil War begins

William H. Harrison 1841  
John Tyler 1841–1845

James K. Polk  
1845–1849

Zachary Taylor 1849–1850  
Millard Fillmore 1850–1853

Franklin Pierce  
1853–1857

James Buchanan  
1857–1861

1840

1850

1860

1846  
Britain compromises with United States on Oregon

1849  
Chinese immigration to America begins