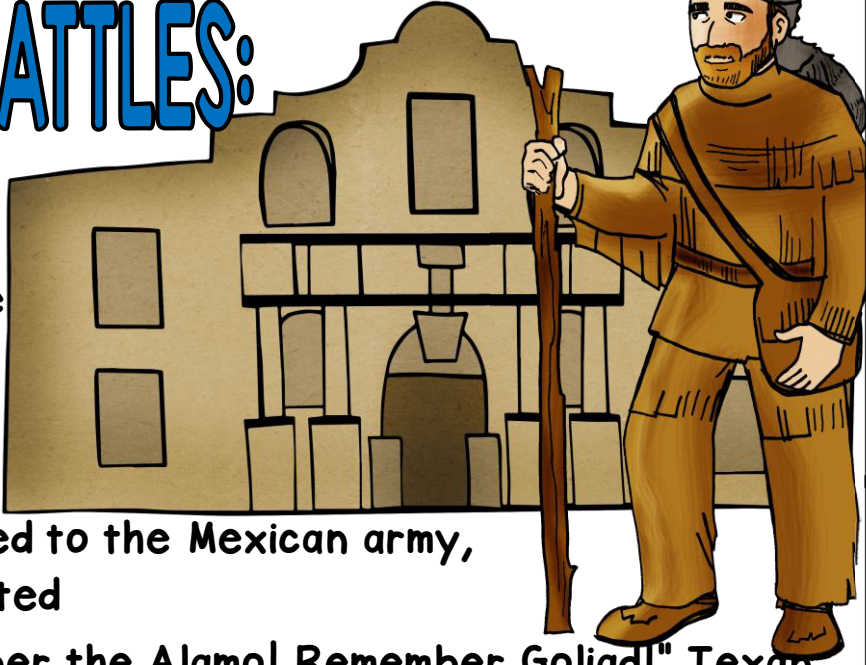


BACKGROUND:

- *1823 - Mexico won its independence from Spain
- *American Stephen F. Austin recruited American families to settle in the Mexican province of Texas
- *By 1830, Americans (and their slaves) outnumbered Mexicans in Texas 3 to 1
- *Friction grew between the Americans and Mexicans in Texas
- *In 1834, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna declared himself leader of Mexico and tightened control over Texas
- *1836 - Texans led by Sam Houston declared themselves independent

IMPORTANT BATTLES:

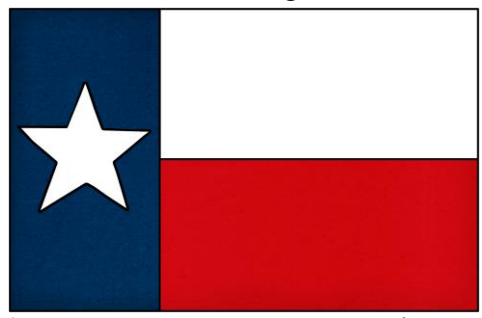
- *Alamo (Feb. - March 1836)- 188 men including Davy Crockett died while trying to hold off about 2000* Mexican soldiers
- *Goliad (March 1836) - Texas forces surrendered to the Mexican army, 350 Texans were executed



*Using the cry, "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!" Texan forces surprised General Santa Anna at San Jacinto River in April 1836. In exchange for his freedom, Santa Anna signed a treaty granting Texas its independence

LONE STAR REPUBLIC:

- *Between 1836-1845, Texas was an independent nation
- *1845 - Texas was annexed by the United States becoming the nation's 28th state and 15th slave state

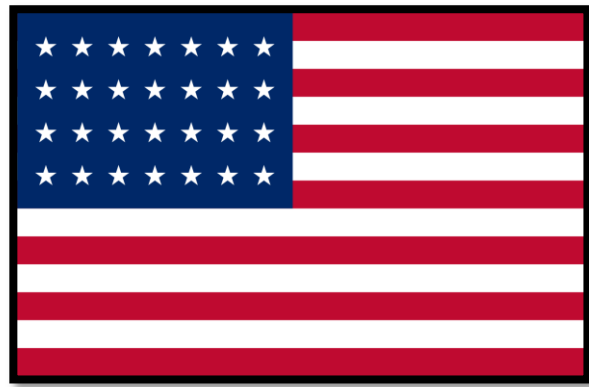


TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE 1835-1836

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*Number of soldiers varies on source

WHO:



MEXICO

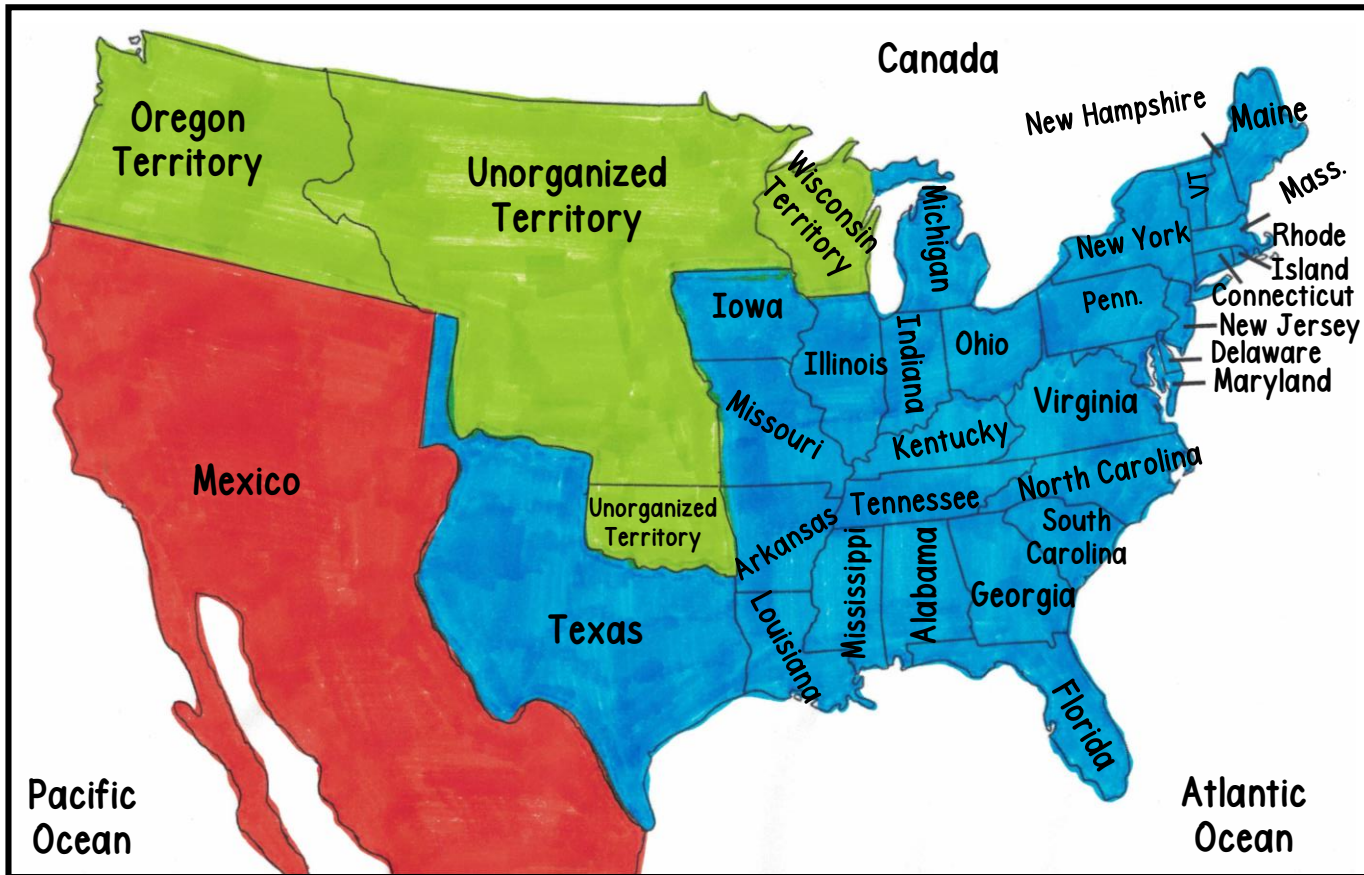
VS. UNITED STATES

MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR

WHEN: 1846-1848

U.S. in 1846:

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CAUSES:

- * Westward expansion by the United States
- * dispute over the Texas border

MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR

APRIL 1846

- *President Polk ordered General Zachary Taylor and the U.S. Army to move into disputed territory between the Nueces and Rio Grande Rivers
- *Mexican Army crossed the Rio Grande, captured a U.S. Army patrol killing 11 soldiers
- *Polk asked Congress to declare war on Mexico because American blood was spilled on American soil
- *Congress declared war



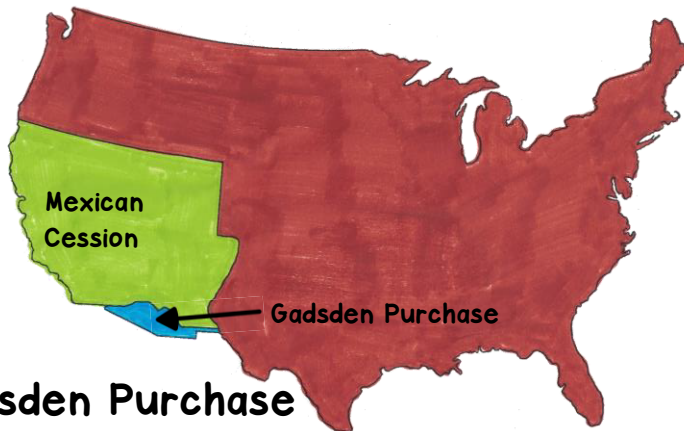
Disputed Ground

A FEW IMPORTANT BATTLES

- *Lt. Col. John C. Frémont and U.S. troops helped the Bear Flag Rebellion overthrow Mexican rule in California and establish the Bear Flag Republic in June 1846
- *U.S. General Stephen Kearny and his troops easily took control over Santa Fe and New Mexico in August 1846
- *In February 1847, U.S. General Zachary Taylor led troops to victory at Buena Vista
- *U.S. General Winfield Scott led troops to victory at Vera Cruz (Veracruz) in March 1847 and Mexico City in September 1847

TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO 1848:

- *Mexico recognized the Rio Grande as the southern border of Texas
- *Mexican Cession - Mexico ceded California and New Mexico to United States
- *U.S. paid \$15 million to Mexico and assumed any claims Americans held against Mexico



- *Gadsden Purchase (1854) - Mexico sold an area of land to the U.S. needed for a southern transcontinental railroad for \$10 million