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Overview Expanding West Sec 3:

Manifest Destiny

Annexation of Oregon & Texas

California, Californios & Mexico

Mexican American War

Bear Flag Revolt

Battle of Buena Vista

Battles of Vera Cruz & Mexico City

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Mexican Cession

Gadsden Purchase

Section 3: Mexican-American War

Key Terms & People:

Manifest Destiny – _____

James K. Polk – _____

Vaqueros – _____

Californios – _____

Bear Flag Revolt – _____

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo – _____

Gadsden Purchase – _____

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Many Americans believed the nation had a manifest destiny to claim new lands in the West

- Americans believed _____
- The United States had a booming economy and population in the 1840s.
 - _____
 - _____
- Some believed it was America's _____ or obvious fate, to settle all land to the Pacific.
 - _____

Democrat **James K. Polk** was elected in 1844

- Was a very effective President
- _____
- _____
- Smithsonian Museum
- US Naval Academy
- _____
- 1st Postage Stamp
- _____

Polk favored acquiring Texas and Oregon.

Oregon

- Polk avoided war with Britain over Oregon and negotiated treaty for land south of forty-ninth parallel.
- _____

Texas

- _____
- Mexico breaks off diplomatic relations with US after Annexation

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California under Mexico

- Mexico had lost Texas but controlled other areas in the present-day Southwest—_____

Mission System in California

- Very important to California, carrying out huge farming and ranching operations.
- _____
 - _____
 - Created huge ranches
 - Worked by _____ - cowboys
- Settlers from the United States started to arrive in small numbers. They began calling for independence.

Mexican-American War

Conflict Breaks Out

- The United States and Mexico were engaged in border disputes.
- John Slidell went to Mexico to _____ and California for _____. Mexican officials refused to speak to him.
- _____
- U.S. troops clashed with Mexicans in April.

War Begins

- _____
- _____
- _____

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Bear Flag Revolt

Settlers - _____

Revolt - Americans seized Sonoma and declared California to be an independent nation on June 14, starting the **Bear Flag Revolt**.

John C. Frémont -Frémont, leader of a U.S. Army mapping expedition, entered California to support its independence.

U.S. Forces - _____

Major Battles of the Mexican American War :

Buena Vista

- General Taylor's forces _____
at Buena Vista in February 1847.
- _____
- It was a fierce battle with heavy casualties on both sides.

War's End

Veracruz

- General Winfield Scott's forces seized _____

- Veracruz was the strongest fortress in Mexico.

Mexico City

- _____

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As a result of the Mexican-American War, the United States added territory in the Southwest

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo officially ended the war in 1848

- _____

- Also included area claimed by Texas north of Rio Grande
- Increased size of United States by _____

Gadsden Purchase

In the **Gadsden Purchase** of 1853,

American settlement in the Mexican Cession produced conflict and a blending of cultures

Surge of American Settlers

- _____
- New settlers battled longtime residents to control land, water, and minerals.
- Most Mexicans, Mexican Americans, and Native Americans

Cultural Encounters

- Different cultures shaped one another in the Southwest despite conflicts.
- Names of places _____
- Mexican and Native American knowledge and traditions also shaped _____