

# US Mexican War: Zinn Chapter 8

**Directions:** Write a letter / diary entry from the perspective of the person you were assigned in the tea party/mixer.

**Steps:**

Read from Howard Zinn, Chapter 8, We Take Nothing by Conquest, Thank God.

As you read, take some notes on several of the following themes. Think about your person from the speed dating activity. Which themes would they be most interested in?

- Pro-war perspectives
- Anti-war perspectives
- US Government interests
- Ideology of Manifest Destiny
- Media and Propaganda
- Mexican perspectives on the war
- Soldier's experiences
- Slavery Issues

Write an interior monologue "talking-back" to the information in Zinn. What would this person think about the points raised by Zinn? Compose a letter to Zinn or diary entry about Zinn as if he lived in 1848. Include hopes, dreams, criticisms, disagreements, etc. Include quotes from the Chapter.