

Cause and Effects Mexican War

1. Election of 1844--James K. Polk is elected president
2. Manifest Destiny--The US begins to expand out west
3. Annexation of Texas--Texas creates an unequal balance of free and slave states in the US
4. Border dispute--Polk sends a representative to Mexico City to negotiate borders and prevent war
5. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo--US gains Mexican Cession
6. Taylor moves troops south to Rio Grande--Mexico states that US invaded Mexican territory
7. Polk asks for declaration of war--Congress declares war on Mexico
8. Texans and Tejanos disagree with Mexican government--Texas Revolution
9. Americans are killed on "American soil"--Polk asks Congress to declare war