

**Davy Crockett, William B. Travis, and  
Jim Bowie**

**brave leaders of the Texan force at the  
Alamo**

**Mexico**

**gained its independence from Spain**

**Tejanos**

**Mexicans who claimed Texas as their  
home**

**Stephen Austin**

**brought 300 American families to  
settle in Texas**

**Mexico's rules**

**must learn Spanish and become  
Catholic**

**decree**

**means official order; in 1830 Mexico  
said they were closing its borders to  
further immigration**

**barricaded**

**blocked off; a small Texan army were  
blocked off inside a San Antonio  
mission called the Alamo**

**“Remember the Alamo!”**

**rallying cry for the Texans following  
and important battle in which they  
were defeated**

**Mexican General Antonio López de  
Santa Anna**

**forced to sign a treaty that recognized  
the independence of Texas**

**Sam Houston**

**commander in chief of the Texan  
forces and later president of the Lone  
Star Republic**

**The Lone Star Republic**

**name the Texans gave to their new  
country**

**annex**

**take control of; append or add as an  
extra part of something else**

**New Mexico Territory**

**land that is now the states of New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and parts of Colorado and Wyoming**

**The Santa Fe Trail**

**route that started near Independence, Missouri, crossed the prairies to the Arkansas River, followed the river west toward the Rocky Mountains, and then turned south to the New Mexico Territory**

**Rio Grande**

**where the United States said the  
Texas-Mexico border was**

**Nueces River**

**where Mexico said the Texas-Mexico  
border was**



**John Slidell**

**representative sent by President Polk  
to Mexico to offer \$30 million for CA  
and NM**

**Mexico had “invaded our territory  
and shed American blood upon the  
American soil”**

**what President Polk told Congress had  
started the war with Mexico**

**President Polk's plan to defeat Mexico**

**the US would drive Mexican forces out  
of Texas, seize New Mexico and  
California, and capture Mexico City  
(the capital)**

**the Bear Flag Republic**

**the name Americans gave to an  
independent California**

**Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo**

**Mexico gave the US over 500,000 square miles of land (what is now CA, NV, and UT and most of AZ, NM, CO, and WY), Mexico accepted the Rio Grande as its border with Texas, and the US paid Mexico \$15 million and assumed \$3.25 million in debts Mexico owed American citizens**