

Define

1. **Mountain man**- trapper who explored and hunted in Oregon Territory in the early 1800s.
2. **Rendezvous**- yearly meeting where mountain men traded furs.
3. **Dictator**- a ruler with absolute power and authority.
4. **Siege**- enemy forces try to capture a city or fort, often by surrounding and bombarding it.
5. Annex- to add on or take over.
6. **Cede**- to give up.
7. **Forty-niner**- one of the more than 80,000 people who joined the gold rush to California in 1849.
8. **Vigilante**- self-appointed enforcer of the law.

Reviewing Key Facts

9. The life of the mountain men in Oregon Country was dangerous conditions that challenged their excellent survival skills. Their lives were largely isolate except for the annual rendezvous, where they sold their furs and enjoyed contests, talks, and songs.
10. Texans launched a surprise attack on Santa Anna at San Jacinto. They captured him and forced him to sign a treaty granting independence to Texas.
11. Manifest Destiny suggested that Americans had a right and duty to spread their culture across the continent, as their nation and its government were the best in the world.
12. The treaty gave the United States the New Mexico Territory and California, greatly increasing the nation's size and expanding its borders to the Pacific Ocean.
13. Many Californians thought that statehood could help bring order to the rapidly growing region.

Critical Thinking and Writing

14. The concept of Manifest Destiny supported and reinforced the desires of the many Americans who wanted to move on, open up more land for settlement and trade, and spread Christianity to Native Americans.
15. The capture of Santa Anna and his subsequent signing of the treaty granting Texas independence, which caused the creation of a government for the new Lone Star Republic. The division over whether the United States should annex Texas and the migration of settlers of various backgrounds to Texas added to the result of the Battle of San Jacinto.
16. The Alamo was both a defeat and victory because the defenders were killed and the Alamo was lost, but the heroism of the defenders inspired others to see the struggle for independence to a successful end.
17. A) Three of today's states that were added to the United States between 1820 and 1860 are Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and parts of several other present-day states.

B) The westward expansion changed the borders of the United States by expanding the borders to the Pacific Ocean in the west, to the Rio Grande in the south, and to the 49°N latitude in Oregon Country.

18. Whom does Polk blame for the fighting?

Answer: Mexico

19. According to Polk, the United States and Mexico are already at war because?

Answer: of Mexico's actions (B)

Number 20 are mapping skills.