Chapter 13, Section 3: The War With Mexico (p. 432 – 437)

1. ONE AMERICAN’S STORY: Name both candidates and their respective parties who ran for President of US in 1844. (You may have to research the party of the one candidate as it is not named, but we studied him before.)

2. From above, what term is a synonym for “obvious fate”? How does this term tie into US westward expansion?

3. What two countries occupied Oregon?

4. What was the “saber rattling” slogan of the Americans who wanted all of Oregon?

5. How was the Oregon dispute resolved? In what year?

6. TROUBLES WITH MEXICO

6. What happened in 1845 concerning Texas?

7. Texas claimed the __________________ as its southern border – while Mexico claimed the more northern ________________ River as its northern border.

8. Did Pres. Polk try to buy Texas before the start of the Mexican War? Who does he send as negotiator?

9. THE WAR WITH MEXICO

9. What does Polk do to get Mexico angry (think: Taylor)? What was the immediate cause of war?

10. Which section of the United States was favorable to the war? Why?

11. Why was there opposition to the war?

12. Which U.S. general led the troops into northern Mexico in 1846?

13. Educated Guess (NIB): Which Whig congressman from Illinois and future President of the United States opposed the war with his “spot resolution”?

14. Which U.S. general captured New Mexico and later California?

15. What was the nickname of the California revolt against Mexican rule? What symbol was on the flag?

16. Which general led the American forces from Veracruz to Mexico City? Did the United States easily defeat Mexico?
17. The Treaty of _______________ officially ended the Mexican War. It was negotiated by NICHOLAS TRIST. There is an interesting back story to his contribution. The treaty’s main points (provisions) were:

a. __________________ was confirmed as part of the United States

b. __________________ was recognized as the southern border of the United States

c. gave the United States control over the following states (use the map on page 436): ______________
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which are collectively called the ____________________

The total area ceded to the United States equaled ______________ the size of Mexico.

18. (See caption on Pg 437.) What is the Spanish name for “cowboy”?

19. To complete the present day contiguous (lower 48 states) United States, Mexico sold parts of Arizona and New Mexico for $10 million in 1853. This sale was called the ________________