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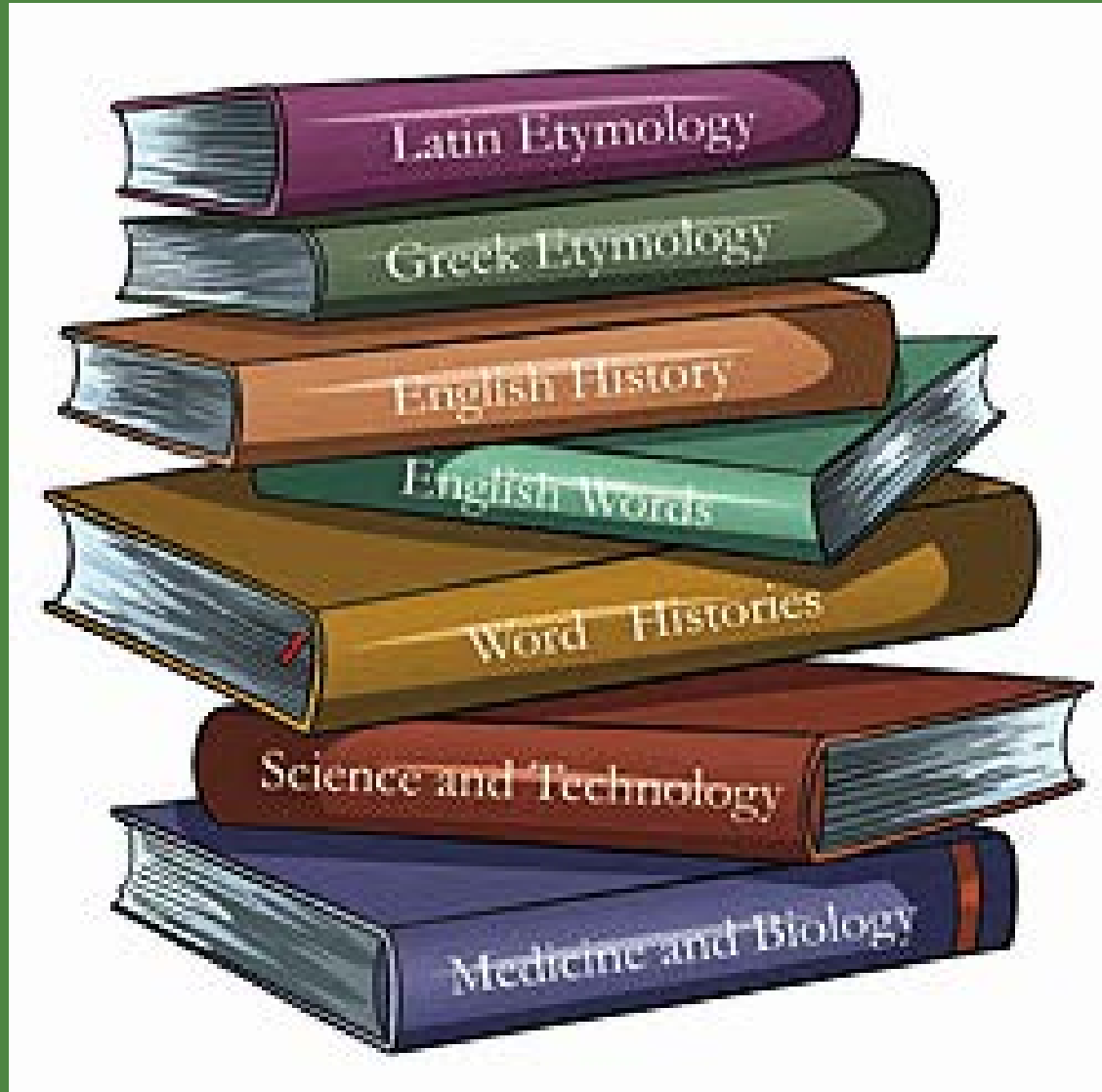
The Mexican-American War Basics



This painting shows the Battle of Chapultepec during the Mexican-American War. Chapultepec Castle was an important position in the defense of Mexico City. It was also the home of the Mexican Military Academy, which had cadets as young as 13 years old. The American victory at Chapultepec drove the Mexican army back into Mexico City. The original drawing was made by Carl Nebel the lithograph was made by Adolphe Jean-Baptiste Bayot (1810-1866). It was published in 1851 *The War Between the United States and Mexico, Illustrated*. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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Vocabulary



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Spain had **ceded** the Louisiana Territory to France before the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory.



This image shows James Monroe shaking hands with French Minister Francois de Barbe-Marbois (1745-1837), and Robert Livingston signing the Louisiana Purchase. This image was created by H. Davidson in 1904. This image is courtesy of unomaha.edu.

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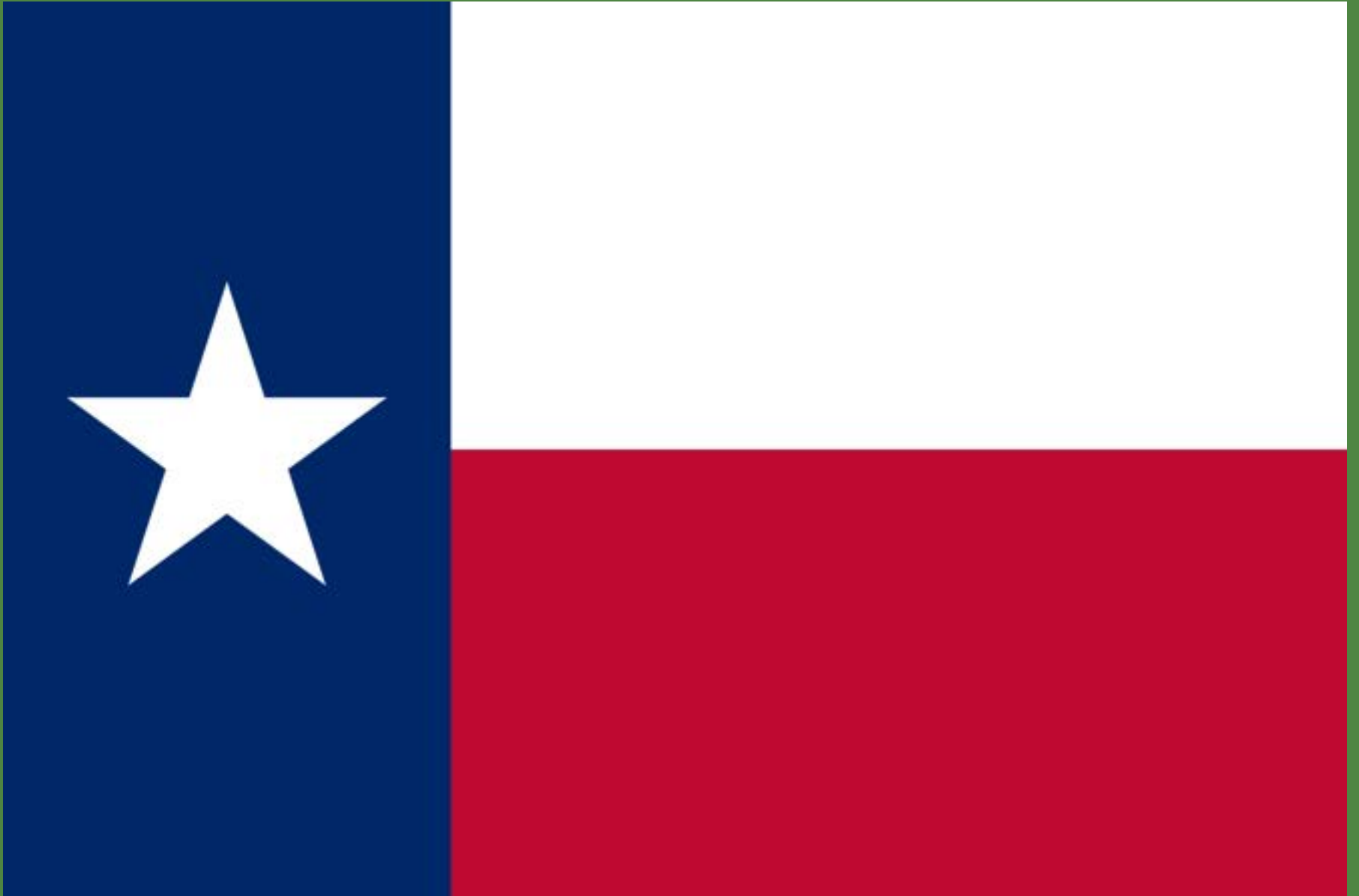
The California **Bear Flag Republic** was not recognized by any other country, and no civil structure was ever created.



CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

The California Bear Flag Republic lasted for only a few weeks until the United States military took over the region and California was effectively made a territory of the United States. Its most enduring legacy was the modern flag of the State of California, shown here. This image was created by Devin Cook in 2008. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

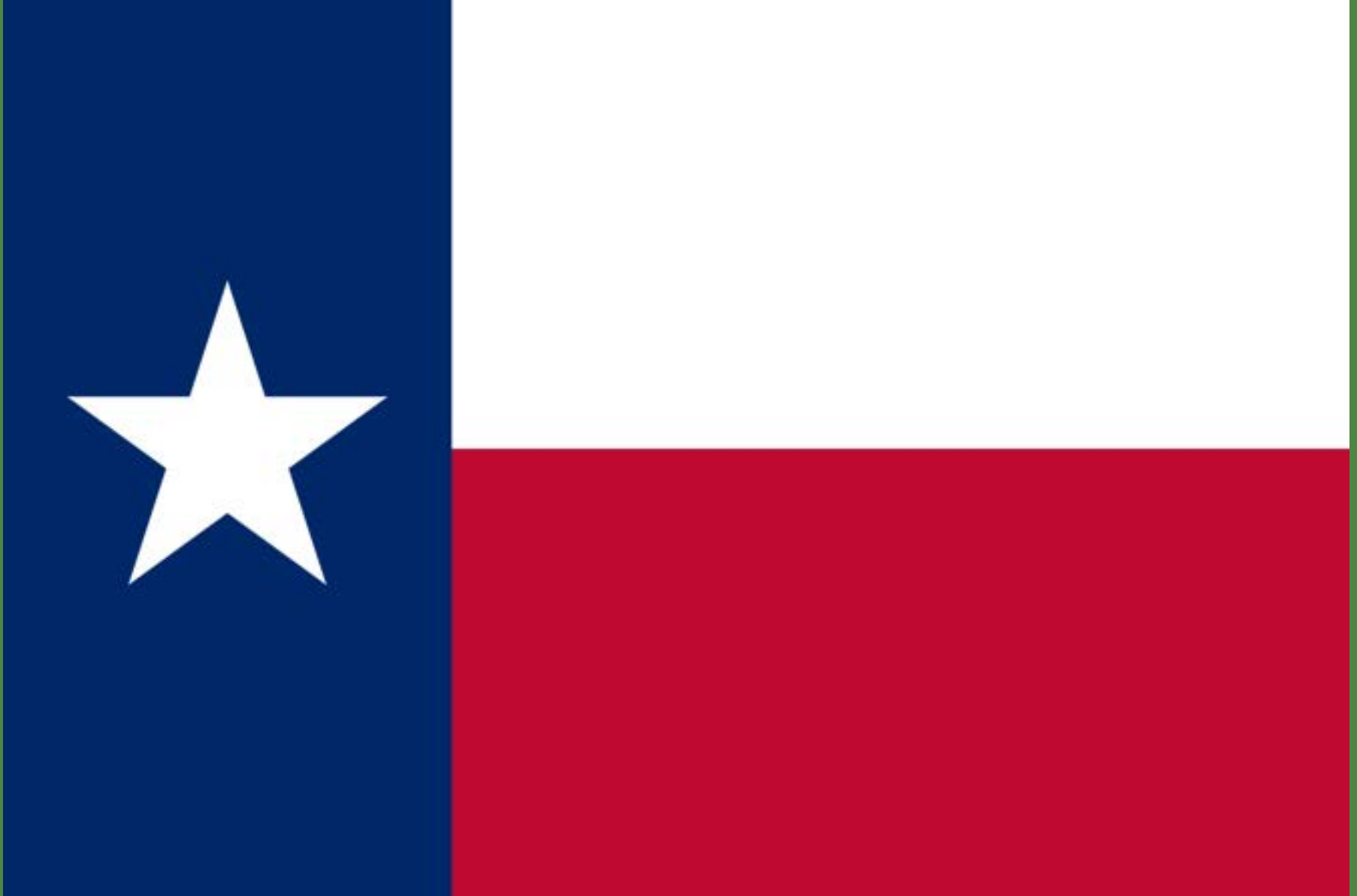
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When first formed, the **Lone Star Republic**, or Republic of Texas claimed more land than is part of the current State of Texas.



This image shows the lands claimed by the Republic of Texas. The area claimed by the Republic is in light green, while the dark green area was actually populated by Texians. This image was created by Raymond 1922A in 2013. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

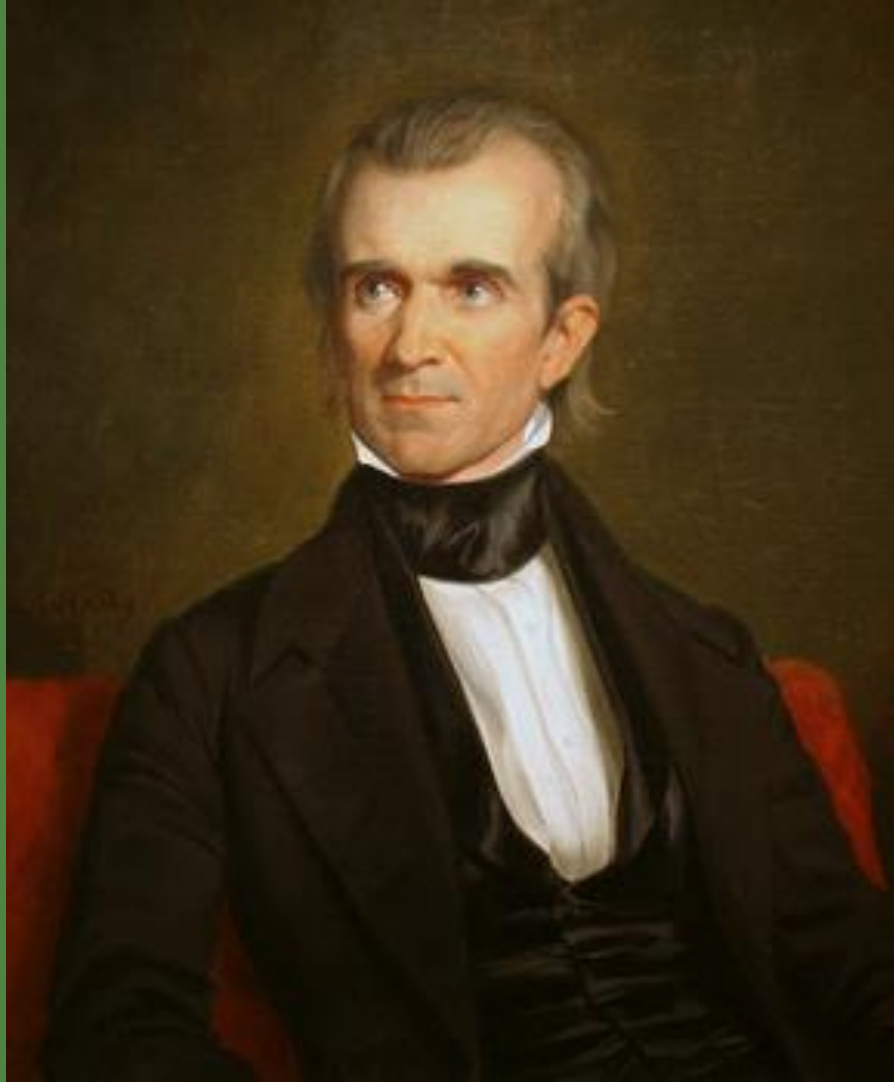
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People to Meet



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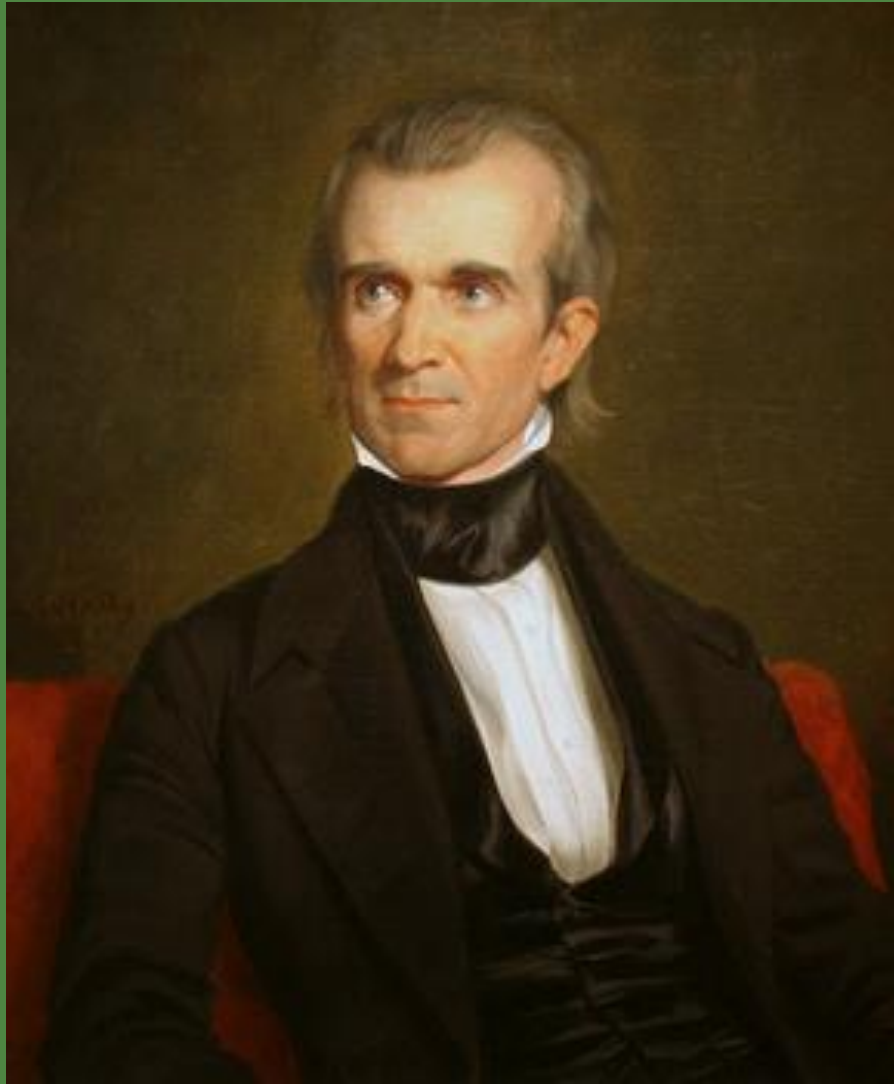
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The Mexican-American War Maps



This map shows some of the major battles and campaigns during the Mexican-American War. This image was created by Kaidor in 2012. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

Mexico

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This is a political map of the world. This image is courtesy of the blankmap.org.

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Texas

Find Texas on this map of the 50 States of the United States.



This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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Texas is now colored red. Texas was its own separate republic from 1836-1845. On December 29, 1845, Texas became the 28th State. This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

Rio Grande

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Great Salt Lake

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The Great Salt Lake is now colored blue and next to it are the words "Great Salt Lake." This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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