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Match the year to the correct description. Check your answers with pages 8–9 of the book.

1.	March 2, 1836
2.	July 4, 1845
3.	December 29, 1845
4.	March 1846
5.	May 3 to 9, 1846
6.	May 13, 1846

General Zachary Taylor leads U.S. troops toward the Rio Grande. The United States claims the area east of the river as its territory.

Following the Battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, Congress declares war on Mexico.

The Texas Declaration of Independence is signed.

Texas decides to join the United States. Mexico refuses to recognize this union.

Mexican forces attack Fort Texas, but the Americans defeat the Mexican army at the Battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. The Mexicans are forced to retreat.

Texas officially joins the United States.



Using the information in *The Mexican-American War*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1  As part of the peace treaty, the Rio Grande became the southern border of Texas.  True  False Page Number

Statement 2  The Mexican-American War was the first American war to be fought on foreign soil.  True  False Page Number

Statement 3  Sam Houston was the second president of the Republic of Texas.  True  False Page Number

Statement 4  Texas was the 21st state to join the United States.  True  False Page Number

Statement 5  The three-day Battle of Monterrey was the first time U.S. soldiers had fought in an urban setting for a prolonged period.  True  False Page Number

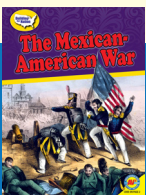


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Use the information found in *The Mexican-American War* to help you complete the following activity.

1. As punishment for his crime,  David Thoreau had to spend a night in jail.
2. Several battles, including the Battle of , took place before the United States actually declared war.
3. People traveled along the  Trail to settle in the southwestern United States.
4. When the U.S. troops first arrived in Texas, they were stationed in .
5. As part of the peace treaty, Mexico agreed that  was part of the United States.
6. Valentin Gomez Farias assumed the role of Mexican  in December 1846, making him the fourth person to hold the job that year.



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Using information from the book, select an answer from the right and write the letter in the box beside the statement.

In the summer of this year, U.S. President James K. Polk sent soldiers to Texas.

**A. 525,000**

The U.S. Congress officially declared war on Mexico in this year.

**B. 15**

The Republic of Texas declared its independence in this year.

**C. 1846**

In total, Mexico ceded this many square miles of land to the United States.

**D. 1836**

Texas had been a Mexican state for this many years.

**E. 1845**





# Key Events

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Major historical events are often the topic of news stories. Choose one of the key events in the book, then write a news story in the space provided below.

News stories focus on a specific event and date in time. Be sure to present all sides of the story. Your news story should include the answers to the following five key questions.

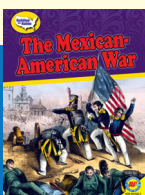
1. Who is the story about? This may be a person, group, organization, or company, for example.

2. What is the event?

3. Where did the event take place? This should include the city, town, or region.

4. When did the event take place? This should include the complete date and, if possible, the time.

5. Why is the event important? Explain why the event is relevant. How did the event impact people or the community?



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**1** In what year did the Republic of Texas declare its independence?

**2** For how long had Texas been a Mexican state?

**3** Who was the U.S. president during the Mexican-American War?

**4** Who led the U.S. troops to the Rio Grande in 1846?

**5** When did the U.S. Congress officially declare war on Mexico?

**6** Who led Mexico's troops?

**7** When did U.S. troops reach Mexico City?

**8** How much land did Mexico cede to the United States under the peace treaty?



# Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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## KEY WORDS

civilians	recognize
controversy	relations
deserted	resistance
enforce	treaty
independence	truce

Your Score is  \_\_\_\_\_ %

1.   
the act of two countries or groups speaking to each other

6.   
left an army without permission

2.   
an official agreement between groups

7.   
people who are not in the military

3.   
the act of fighting back

8.   
to officially agree that something is true or legal

4.   
to make sure something happens

9.   
a topic or event that causes much disagreement

5.   
the ability to make decisions without being controlled by another government

10.   
an agreement to stop fighting for a period of time

