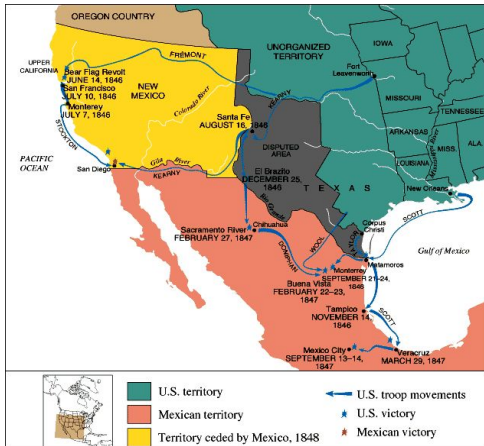


The Mexican American War



Remember how America was afraid to adopt Texas because it would make Mexico mad? Did you think it was weird that America decided to adopt Texas anyway as long as they paid off their debts?

America decided they didn't care anymore if Mexico got mad. In fact, many hoped Mexico

got really mad. Why? Well, America believed that it was their destiny to own the land from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Guess who owned a lot of the land? That's right. Mexico. See that big block of yellow on this map? America wanted that land, and Mexico had it.

You won't hear a lot about the Mexican American War. There aren't a lot of heroic movies and books about this war because it was about getting more land for America. We didn't always act very nice in this war either. First of all, we started it. We moved our army into territory that Mexico felt belonged to them. Mexico attacked us because it felt attacked. Secondly, we also attacked a military school and killed young children. This is called the Battle of Chapultepec Castle.

After almost three years of fighting, Mexico surrendered and signed the Treaty of Guadalupe. Mexico agreed to give America the land they wanted. America paid Mexico 15 million dollars.

1. Write a couple of sentences about your own opinion about the Mexican American War. Give at least one reason why you think that. Don't forget to use correct capitalization and punctuation.