

CHAPTER
9

GUIDED READING *The War with Mexico*

Section 4

A. As you read about the war with Mexico, fill in the blanks in the following summary. You may need to abbreviate.

Mexico was angered when Texas was annexed—and became a state—in 1845. In addition, Mexico and the United States disagreed about the location of Texas’s

(1) _____ . U.S. President (2) _____

sent Slidell to Mexico with an unsuccessful offer to purchase disputed land in Texas and the Mexican-owned territories of (3) _____ and California.

When (4) _____’s troops blockaded the (5) _____, Mexico viewed the action as an invasion and attacked the U.S. soldiers near Matamoros.

In response, President Polk successfully urged Congress to declare war. Polk then ordered General Kearny to capture (6) _____, which was

accomplished without bloodshed. In the meantime, American settlers in (7) _____

led by John C. Fremont overthrew the Mexican government in the town of Sonoma

and established an independent nation that they called the (8) _____.

General (9) _____ arrived and joined forces with the U.S.

Navy to complete the conquest of (10) _____.

The war with Mexico was also going on in the territory of (11) _____

and in Mexico. In September 1846, General (12) _____’s troops

captured the city of Monterrey. (13) _____ did not honor

an agreement made with Polk to end the war and led troops in a battle at Buena Vista,

which they lost. In the meantime, General Scott moved toward (14) _____,

and captured the capital.

The signing of the Treaty of (15) _____ ended the war.

As a result, the United States gained vast amounts of land. More was added when

President (16) _____ authorized the (17) _____

in 1853. These two events, together, set the present-day borders of the lower 48 states.