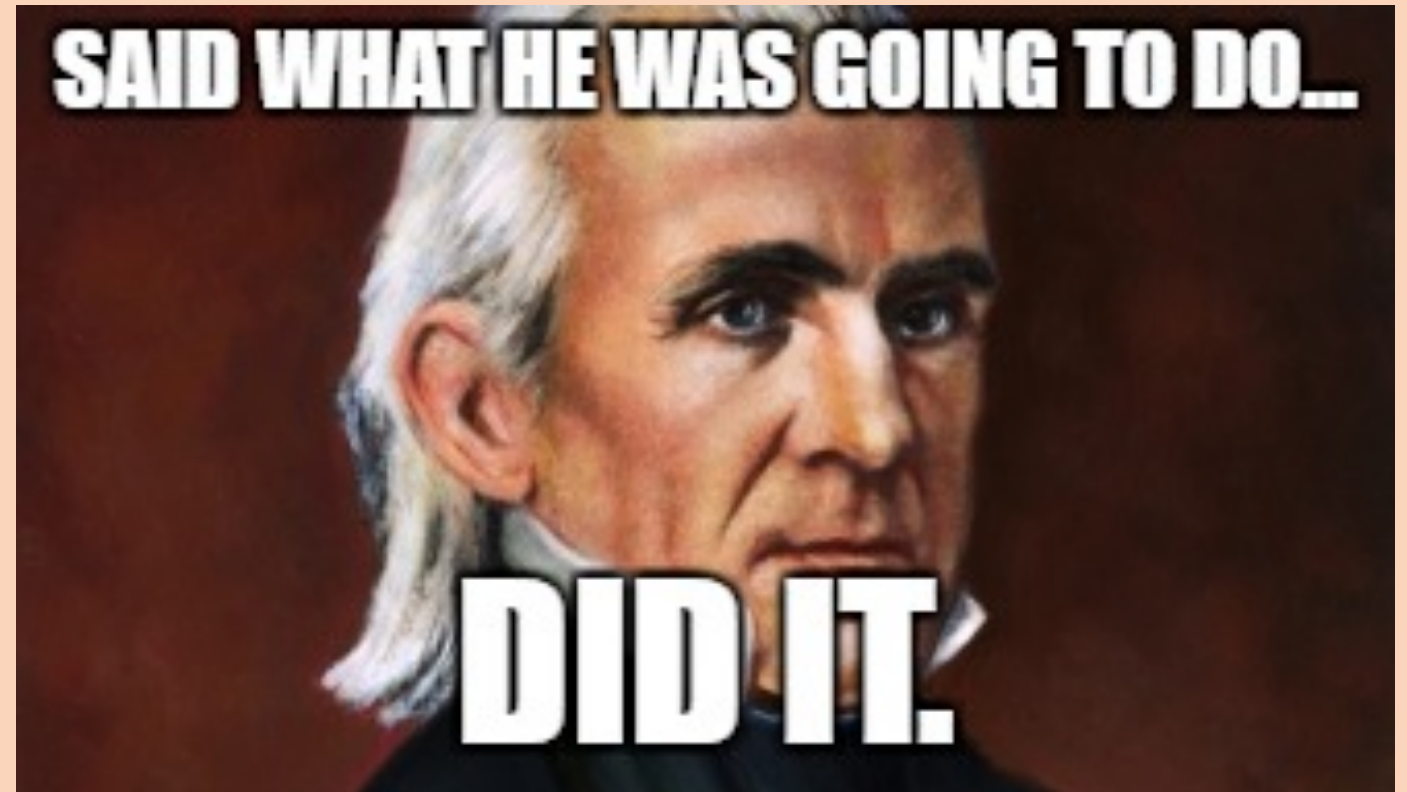


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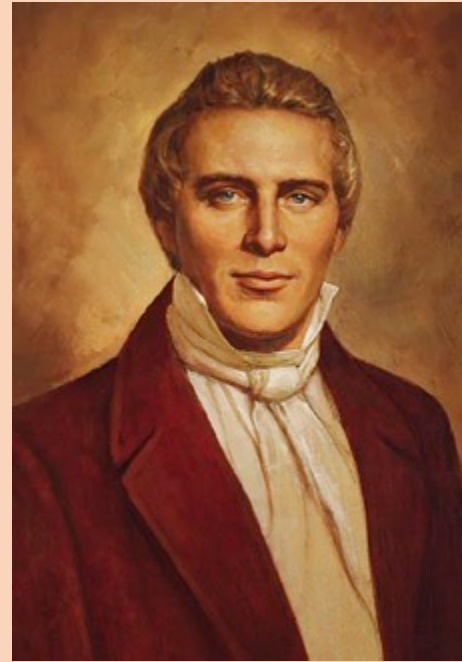
# Manifest Destiny

- Manifest Destiny – The idea that America was destined to reach from one coast to the other.
- Involved the incorporation of new lands.
- Use your book to complete the map.
- Follow the instructions on the paper.



# New Religions

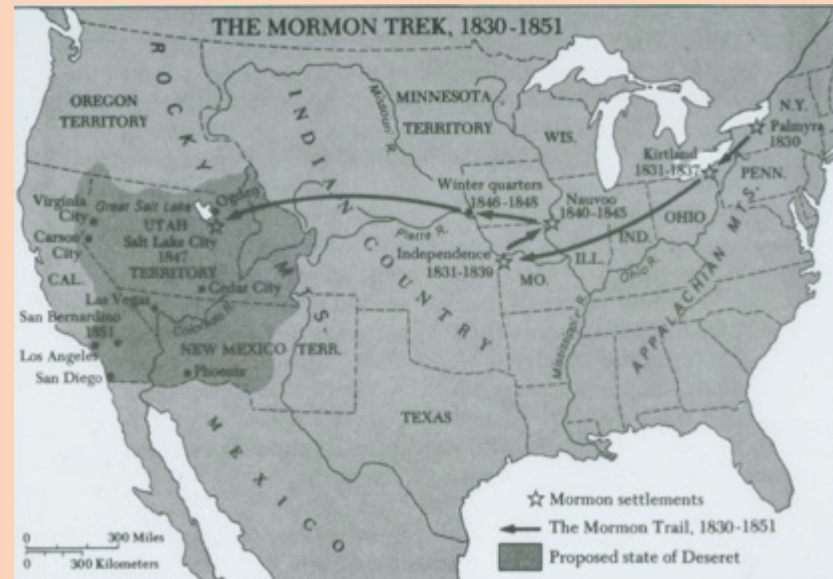
- New religions develop in America
- Joseph Smith: founded the **Mormons in 1830**
- Brigham Young led the Mormons from Illinois to Utah to avoid persecution.



Joseph Smith



Brigham Young



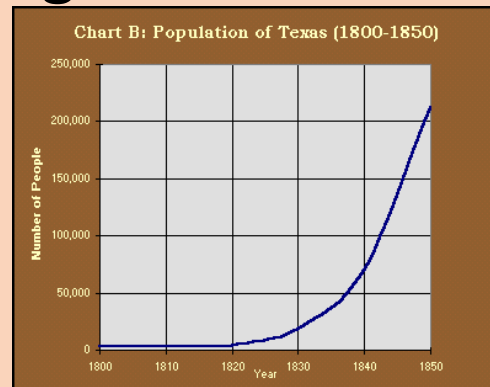
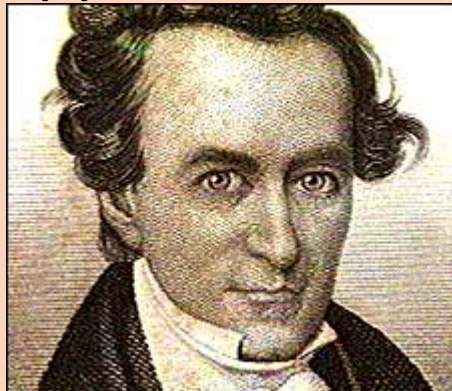


# Texas Independence

- **Mexico** independent in **1821**. Texas passed from Spain to Mexico.
- Stephen Austin promised to bring families into Texas.
- Texans differed from Mexicans (especially over slavery)
- Santa Anna: dictator of Mexico; in 1835, raised army to suppress the rebelling Texans.



Stephen Austin  
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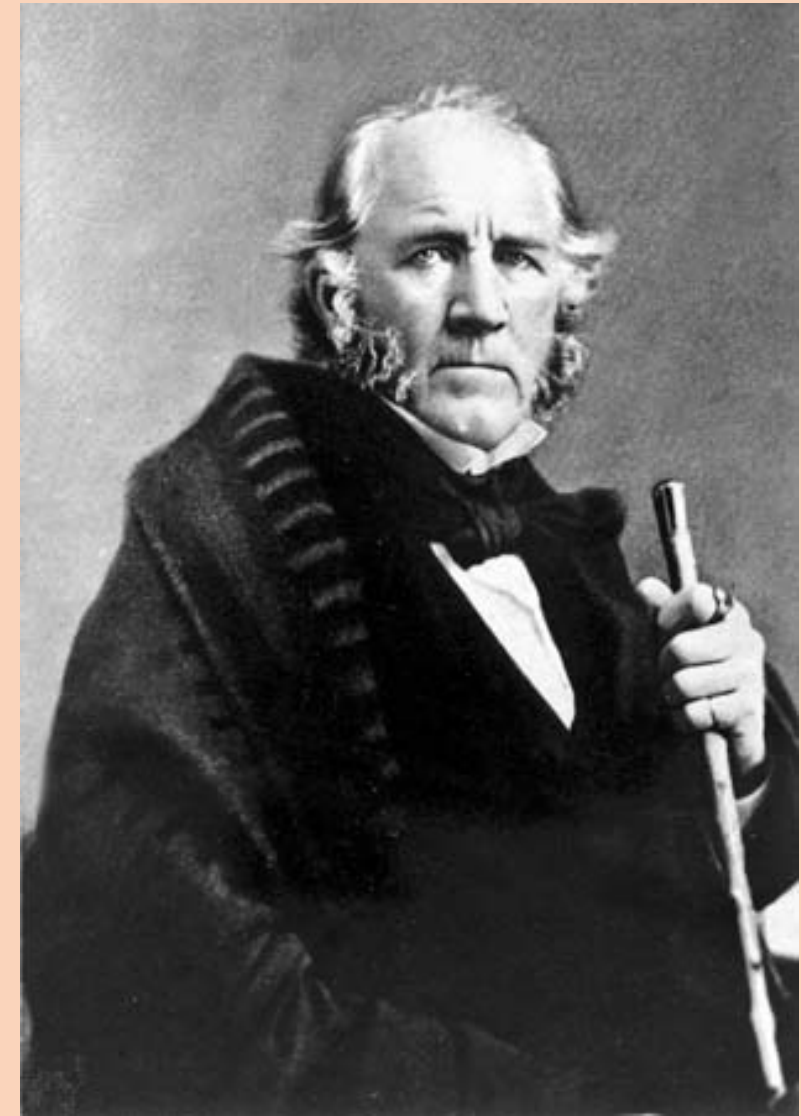


Santa Anna  
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# Texas Independence

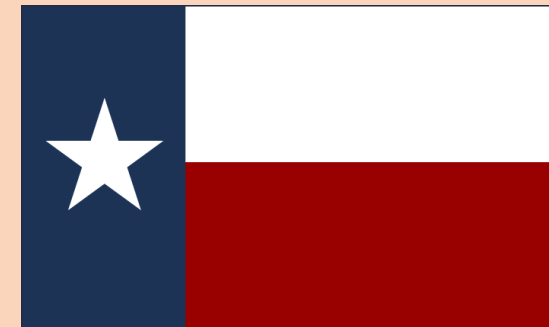
- Texas declared independence in **1836**. Sam Houston: commander in chief for Texas army.
- Attack on the Alamo – Loss for Texans



Sam Houston



# The Lone Star Rebellion



- Santa Anna captured after the **Battle of San Jacinto**.
- Rio Grande became the boundary between Mexico and the Republic of Texas.
- Texas wanted in the US, the North did not want them in as a slave state.



# California Gold Rush



- In **1848**, gold was discovered in California.
- The California gold rush brought violence and disease but also a large number of people to CA.
- Southerners objected to California's admission as a free state - upset the balance of free and slave states in the Senate.

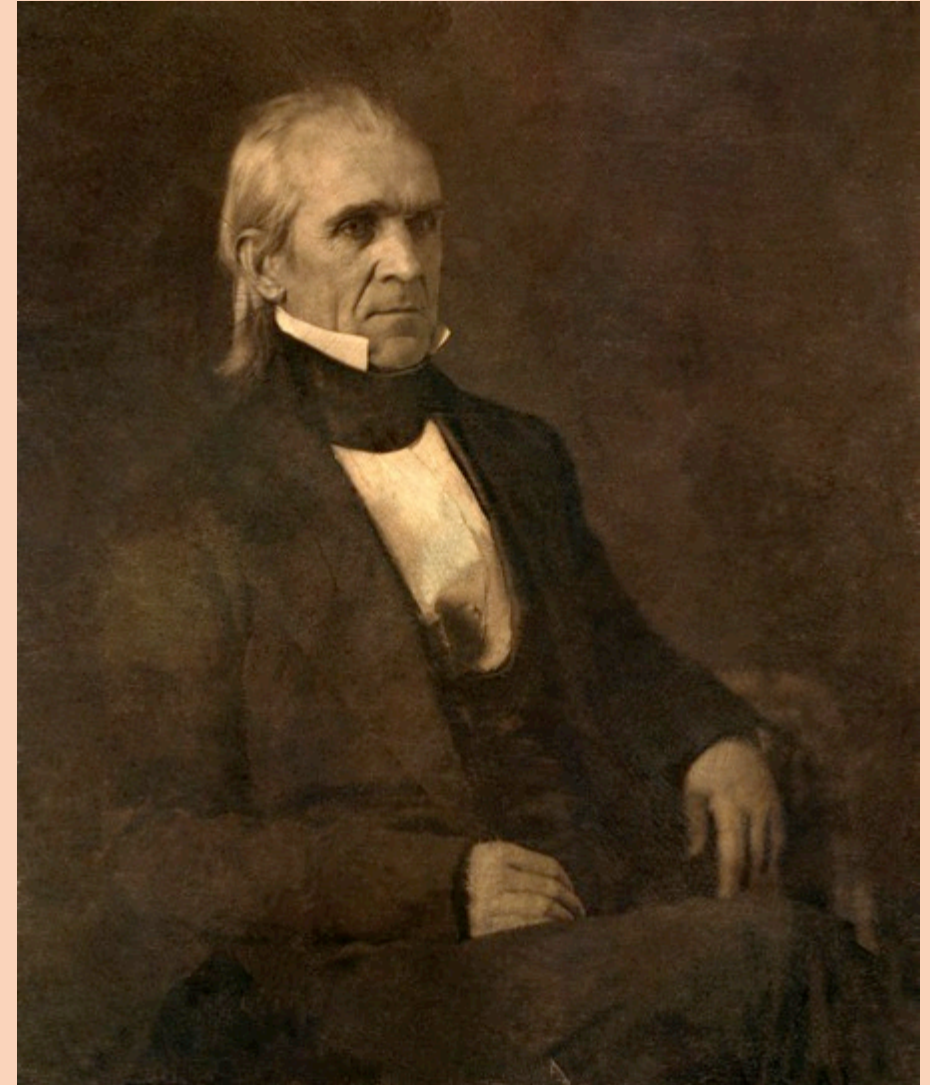




# The Polk Presidency

- Polk elected president in 1844.
- He had four main goals for his presidency:
  - 1) A lower tariff
  - 2) Restore the independent treasury for Federal funds
  - 3) The acquisition of California
  - 4) Settlement of the Oregon Country

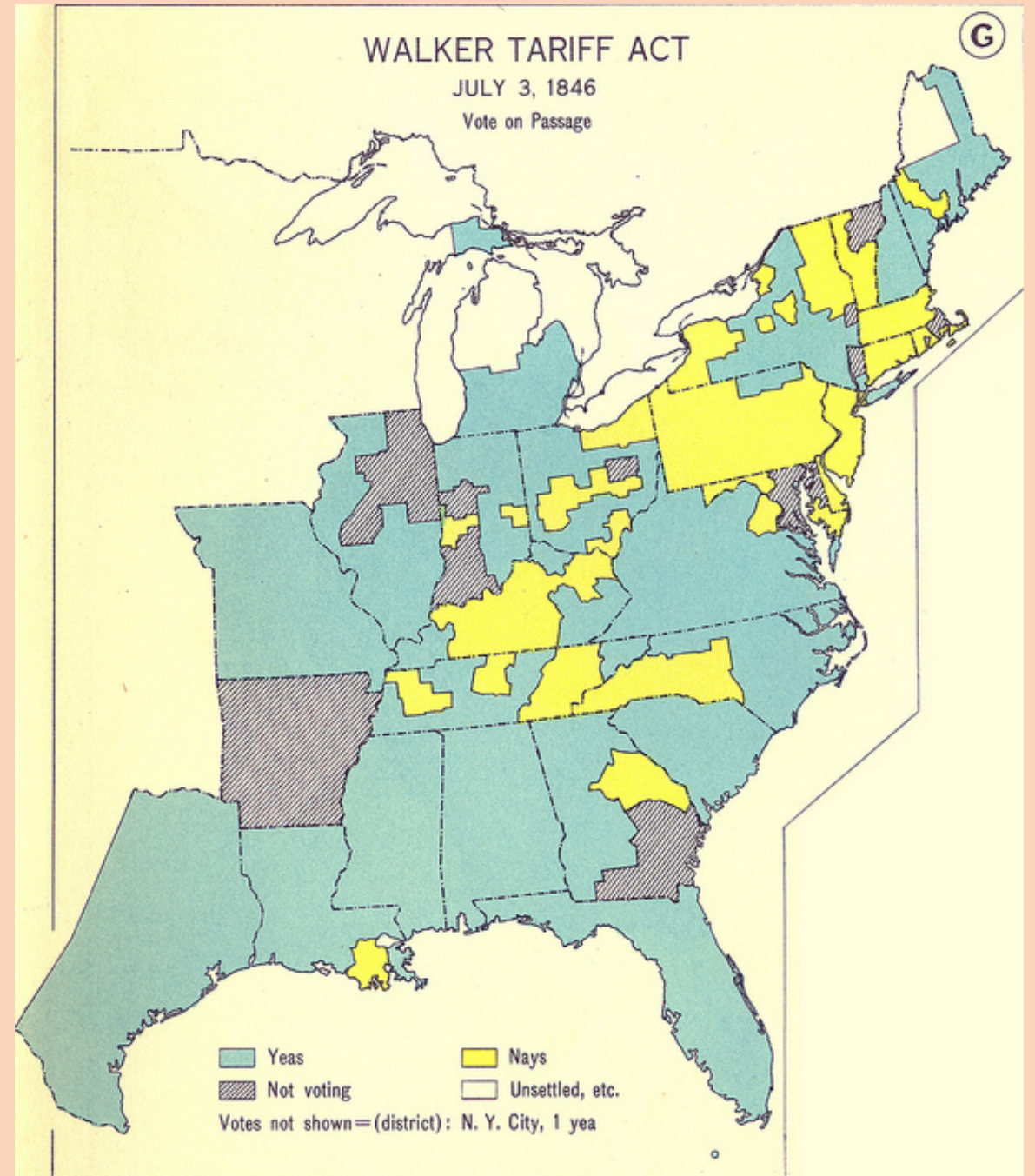
Polk's Cabinet  
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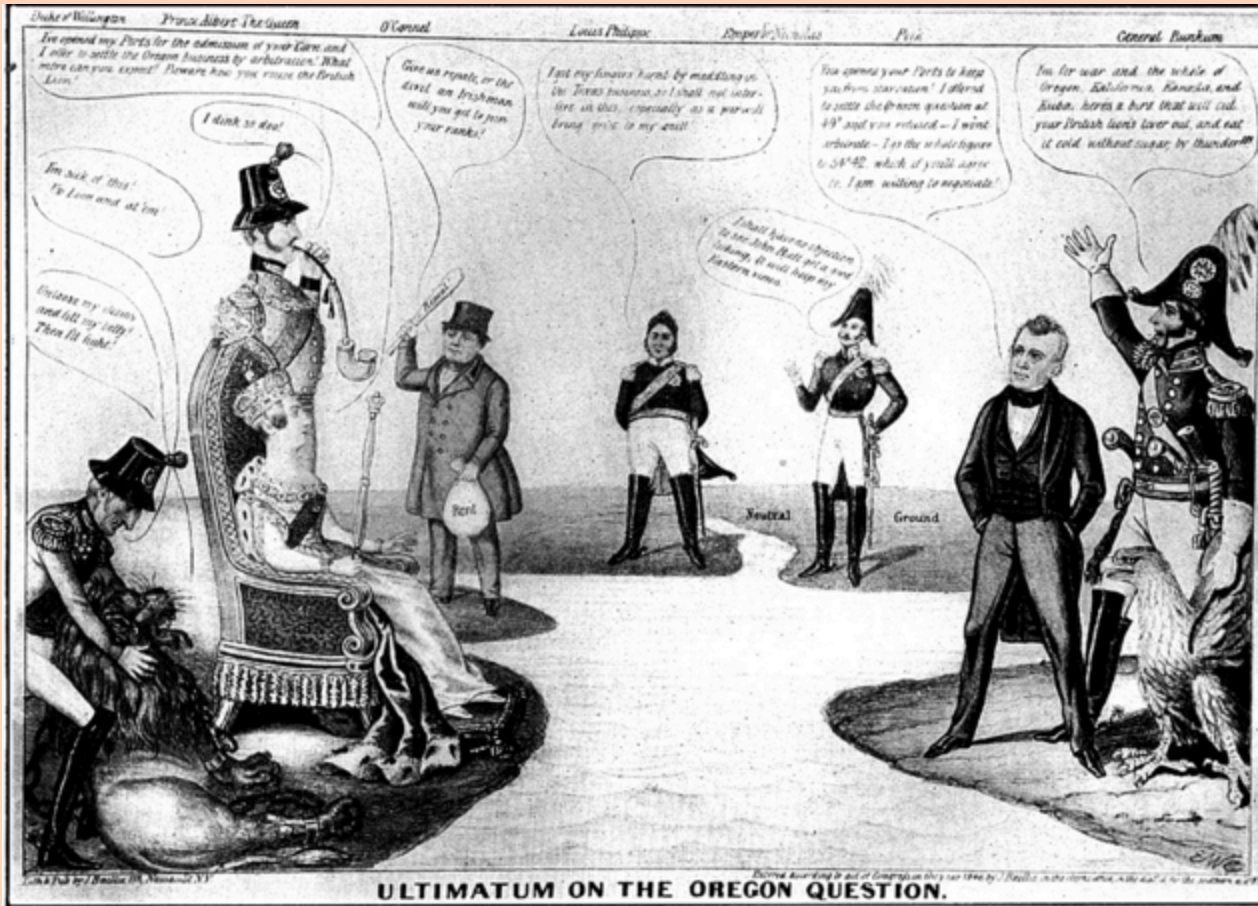
# The Polk Presidency

- **Walker Tariff of 1846** lowered tariffs
- The independent treasury was restored in 1846.
- Britain presented Polk with the Oregon Country up to the 49th parallel. This offer was approved without a shot fired.





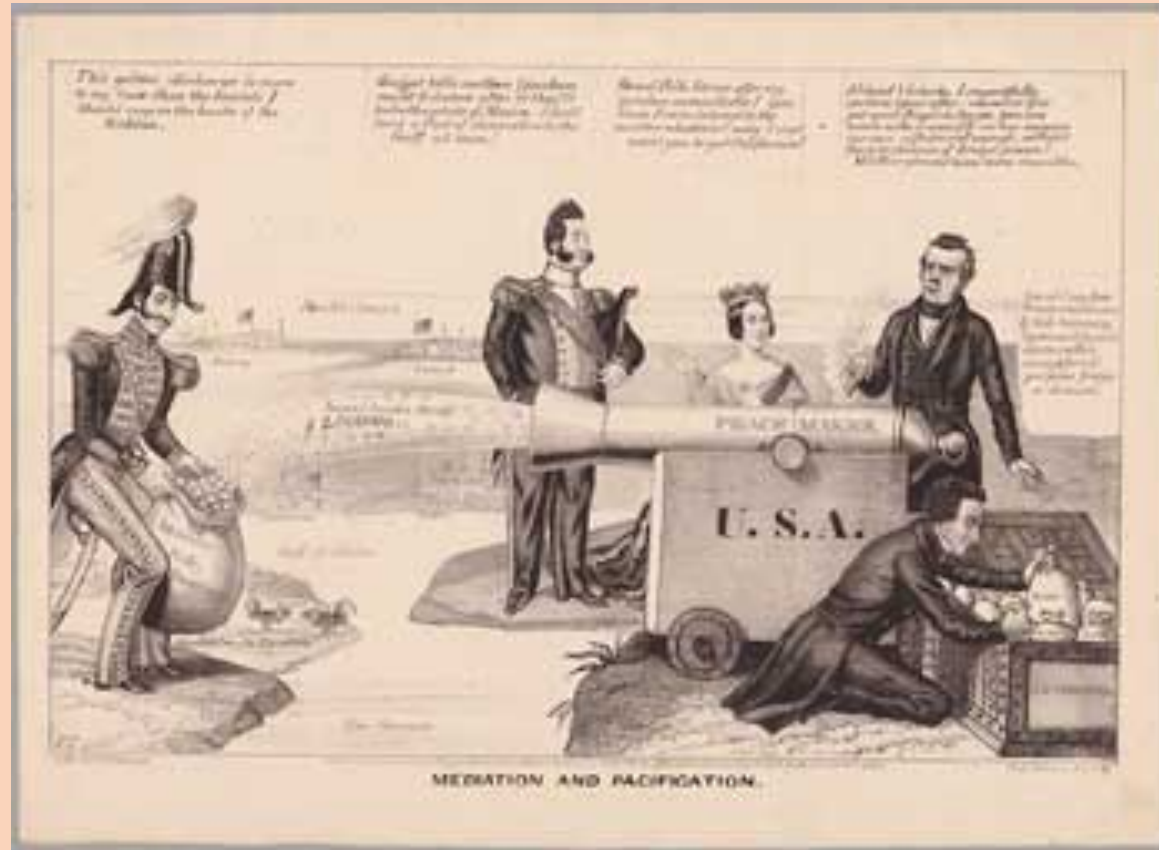
# The Oregon Country





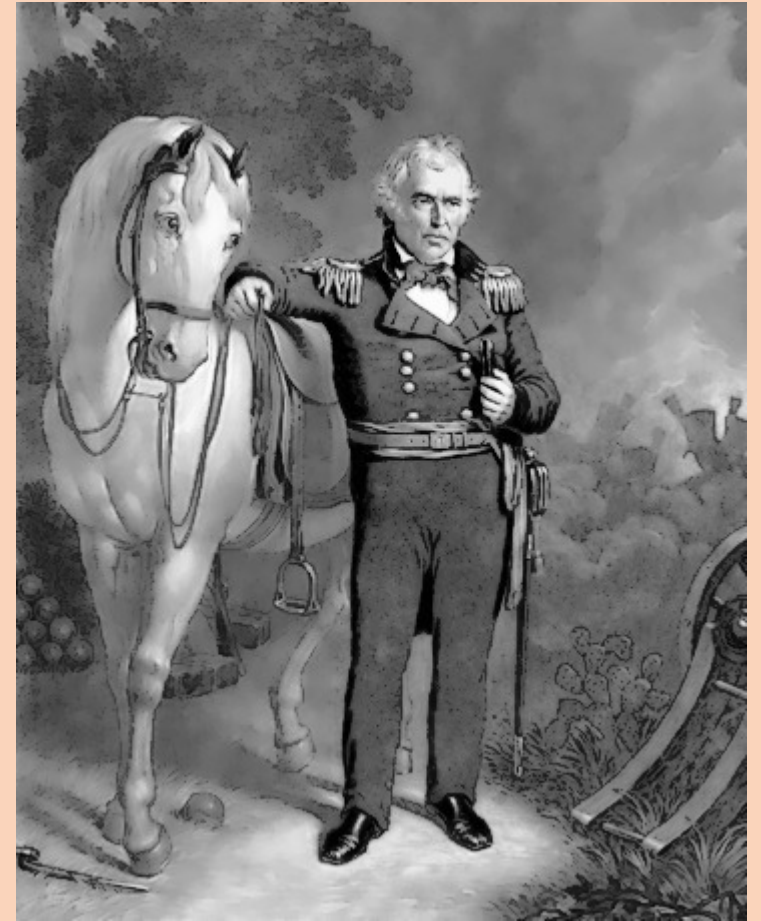
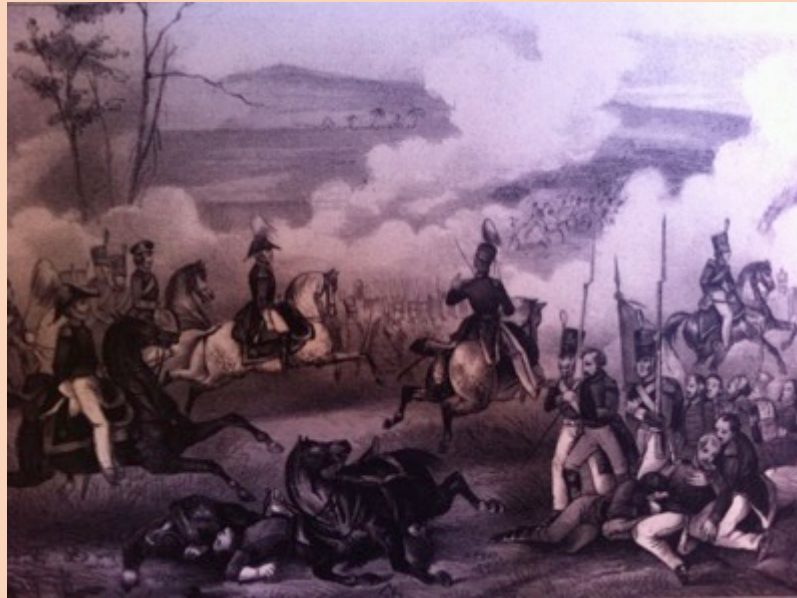
# The Mexican War

- Polk wanted to buy California from Mexico but relations with Mexico were poor due to the annexation of Texas.



# The Mexican War

- On **January 13, 1846**, Polk sent General Zachary Taylor to the Rio Grande and he was attacked.
- Polk asked Congress to **declare war on Mexico**
- Many people in Congress accused Polk of provoking war.



Zachary Taylor



# The Mexican War

- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo(1848)

- Ceded Texas and the area that included California to America for \$15 million.  
This area was about half of Mexico.



# James K. Polk Presidency

