**Chapter 13 – Westward Expansion**

**Section 2 Concept Map – The Republic of Texas**

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| **Why were there problems/conflicts between Americans who had settled in Texas and the Mexican government?** |
| * Spain refused to let Americans settle in Texas when Texas was part of the Spanish colony of Mexico. When Mexico won independence from Spain, who did Mexico allow to bring American settlers to Texas? * When did Americans begin arriving in Texas? Where did most of the American settlers come from? What did many of them build? * How many Americans were in Texas by 1830? * What did the American settlers agree to do because they were given these land grants from the Mexican government? * What did the American settlers actually do that led to the conflict between the settlers and the Mexican government? * In 1830, what did the Mexican government do with respect to Americans moving into Texas? Why did the Mexican government do this? * When General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna became dictator of Mexico, what did he vow to do? |

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| **How did Texas gain its independence from Mexico?** |
| 1. When Santa Anna came to power as dictator of Mexico, what did the Americans in Texas (Texans) realize it was time to do? 2. Why did the Tejanos give their support to the Texans when it came to take action against Santa Anna? 3. What two towns in Texas did the Texans chase Mexican troops from, and then occupy in 1835? 4. What did Santa Anna do in response to the Texan’s occupation of these two towns? 5. When did a group of Texans declare independence for the Republic of Texas, and who was given command of the army? |
| **How did the siege at the Alamo affect the Texans?** |
| * What was the Alamo, where was it located, who had taken up positions here? * Describe the conditions of the Texan army while using the Alamo as its fortification. * Who was in command of the Texans at the Alamo? * Describe what happened when the Mexican army laid siege on the Alamo.  1. On February 23, 1836, 2. For 12 days, 3. On March 6, 4. In the end, 5. The fall of the Alamo and the defeat of the Texans by Santa Anna’s army ignited 6. News of what happened to the Texans at the Alamo and later at Goliad, inspired 7. Houston and the Texan army made a surprise attack on Santa Anna’s army at the Battle of San Jacinto. As a result of this battle, |

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| **What were the challenges faced by the newly established Lone Star Republic?** |
| * In September 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas. The new country faces many serious problems: * Why did the US Congress refuse to annex Texas in 1836? |