**Ch. 13 – Westward Expansion**

**Section 4 Key Concepts Map – The Mexican War**

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| **How did the United States gain Oregon and Texas?** |
| 1. Dividing Oregon –  * Polk didn’t want war with Britain over Oregon, instead he agreed to a compromise. * Explain the compromise—what was the dividing latitude line and what land did Britain get and what land did the US settle for in the compromise?  1. Annexing Texas-  * How did Sam Houston trick the US into annexing Texas? |

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| **What were the causes and results of the Mexican War?** |
| * **Causes**  1. The United States annexes Texas. 2. Why did the annexation of Texas outrage the Mexican government? 3. Why did the American government resent Mexico? 4. Explain how a border dispute over the land between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande River sparked the war.  * **Effects**  1. What treaty ended the Mexican War? 2. What lands did Mexico have to cede, or give up, to the US as part of the terms of this treaty? What were these lands called? 3. In return, what did the US give Mexico? 4. A few years later, in 1853, the US purchased a strip of land from Mexico. What was the purchase called, where was the land, why did the US want this land? |
| **How did a mix of cultures shape California and the Southwest?** |
| 1. What did the new Mexican Americans teach the Americans moving into CA and the Southwest? 2. How did the Americans treat Mexican Americans and Native Americans in this newly acquired territory? |