

Should the US go to war with Mexico and annex Texas (1830-40s)?

YES

NO

Manifest Destiny God-given right to "overspread"	Unconstitutional by killing Mexicans
California would be port to Pacific	Public support against war
Disrespected our millions of dollars	Westward expansion weakened government
Protect American rights and freedom	Hard to govern with different language
Unknown aggressor with American blood shed on American soil	Changed balance of power with slave and non-slave states
Great natural resources like fertile land, railroads, gold, lumber, etc. while it is wasted by Mexico	War is unnecessary cost of money and lives
Did not deserve the land with their work ethic	"Show me the spot where American blood was shed"
Could get goods from New Orleans with direct route to Western states	We express never-ending aggression
Economic opportunity (benefits outweigh war)	Mexican territory which had government, people, religion, etc.
Land necessary?	Should support their democracy similar to ours
Monroe Doctrine used to protect the entire hemisphere so Spain wouldn't return	