Mexican – American War Video Guide

Big Idea Questions	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
	Manifest Destiny	
	• What is it?	
	Belief that US had a	
	(direction from God) to expand from Coast to Coast	
	The generally favored westward expansion	
	more land and spread of slavery	
	Events Leading to the War	
How did Whigs and	Election of 1844	
Democrats differ	Clay (Whig) vs. Polk (Democrat)	
on Manifest		
Destiny?	Polk embraces and the annexation of, defeats Clay	
	Slidell Mission:	
	Polk wanted to purchase and	
	settle boundary dispute along TX border	
	April 25, 1846 – Mexico attacks US troops on "US" soil	
	Resolutions	
	An Important Battle and a Treaty	
	Battle of Buena Vista	
	• General	
	becomes hero, president in 1848	
	Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo:	
	• U.S. gained California, and modern-day NM, AZ, UT and NV	
	of Mexican territory	
	U.S. to pay \$15 million	
	Watch Jimmy Fallon's skit on the Gadsden Purchase!	
	Effects of the War	
What impact did		
the war have on	 America increased its size by Evaluate annual america 	
the slavery debate?	 Future generals emerge Debate over clavery continues 	
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	Compromise of 1850	