



# UNIT 4

CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

# **WAR WITH MEXICO**

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# STANDARDS

**SSUSH8** Explore the relationship between slavery, growing north-south divisions, and westward expansion that led to the outbreak of the **Civil War**.

b. Examine **James K. Polk's** presidency in the fulfillment of **Manifest Destiny** including the Texas **annexation** and Oregon.

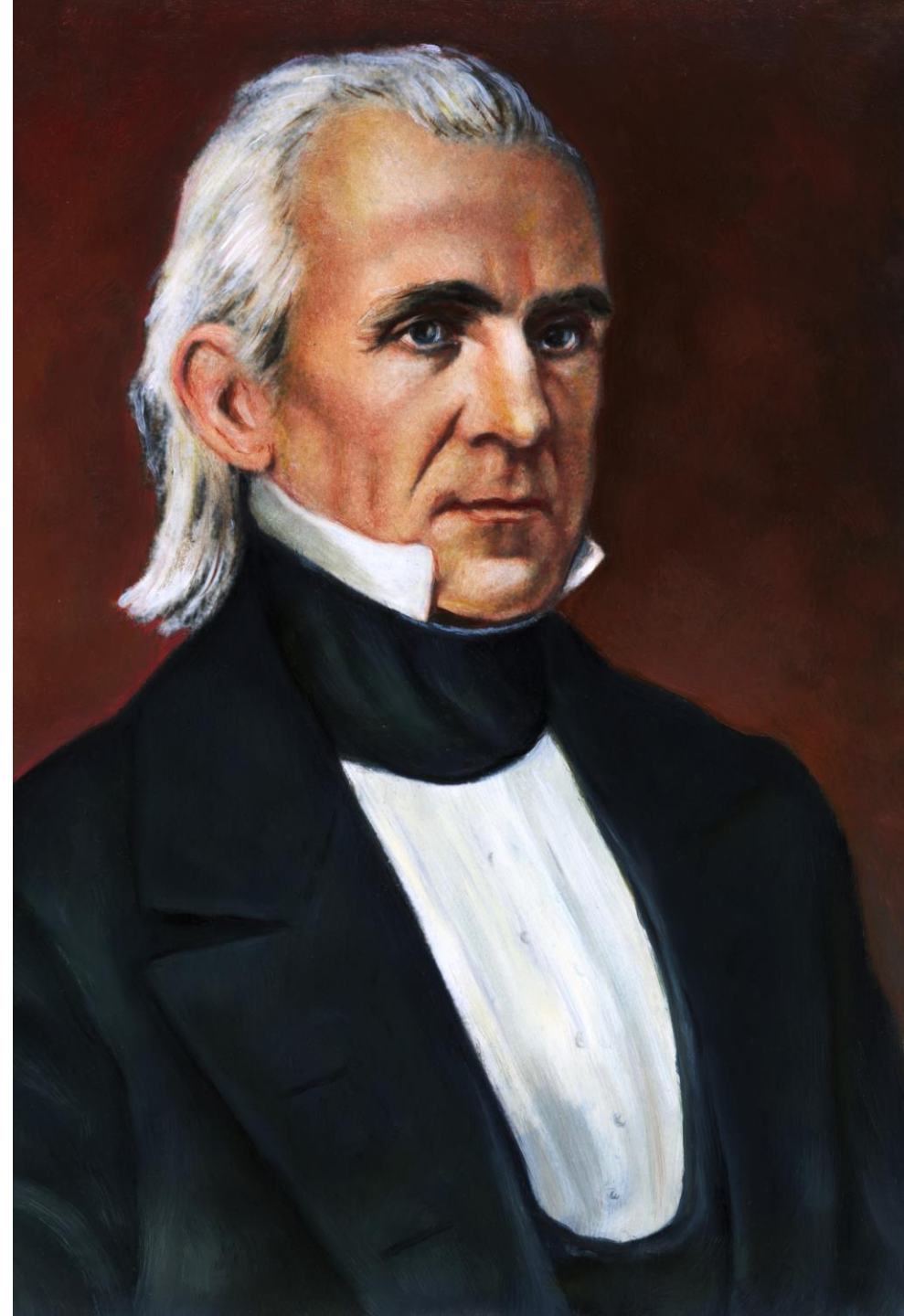
c. Analyze the impact of the **Mexican War** on growing **sectionalism**.

# INQUIRY

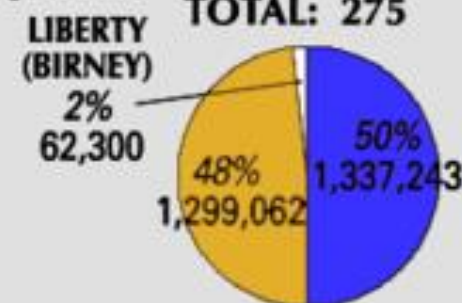
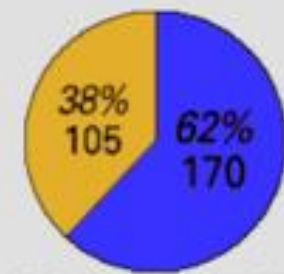
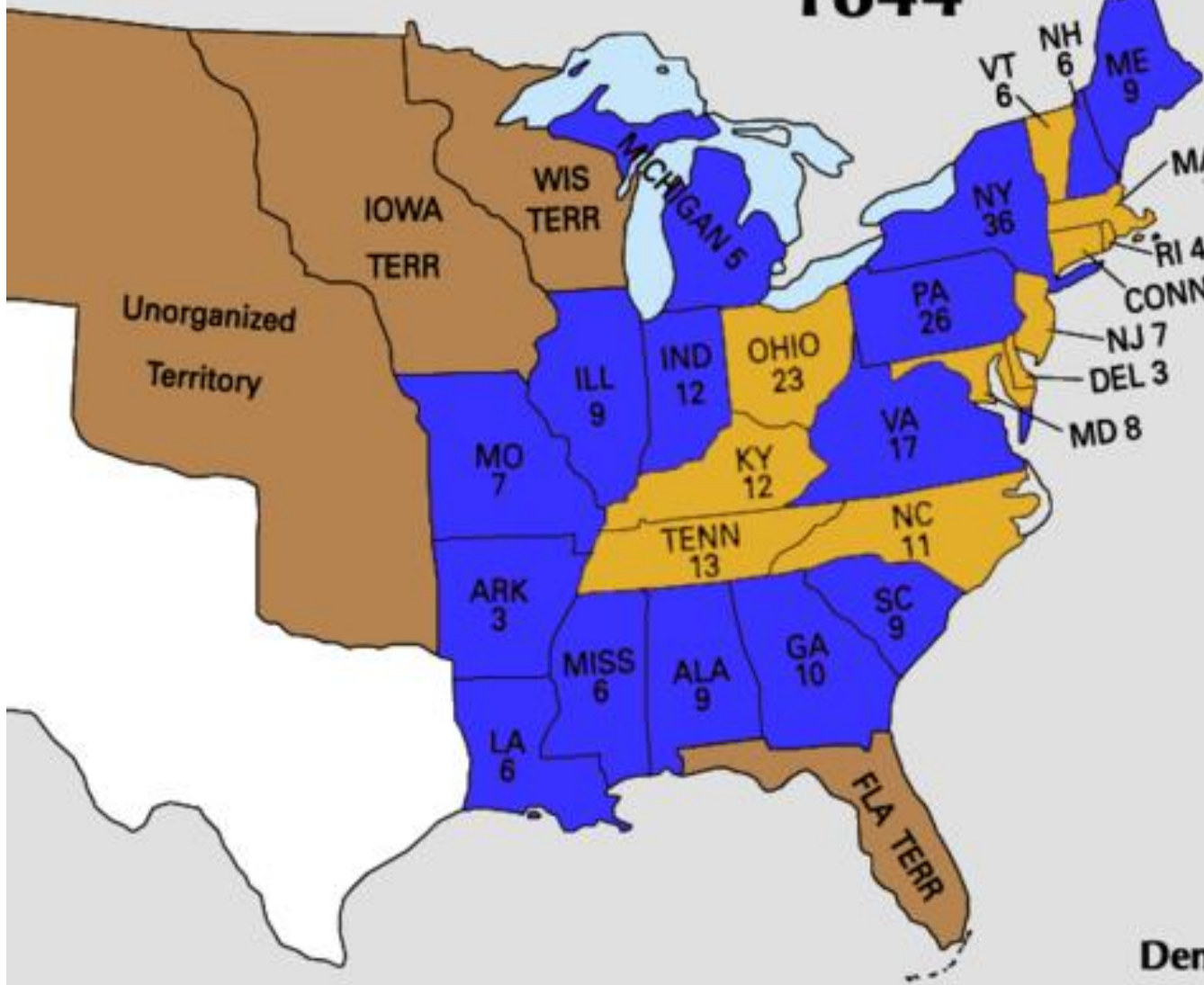
What was the impact of the Mexican-American War on growing sectionalism?

# JAMES K. POLK

- Democrat
- 11<sup>th</sup> President: 1845-1849
- Expansionist
- Added to the nation's western lands by annexing Texas and part of Oregon



# 1844



Territories

**Democratic (Polk)**

**Whig (Clay)**

# WESTWARD EXPANSION

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After French and Indian War: settlers crossed the Appalachian Mtns into Tennessee

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After American Revolution: settlers moved into Ohio River Valley

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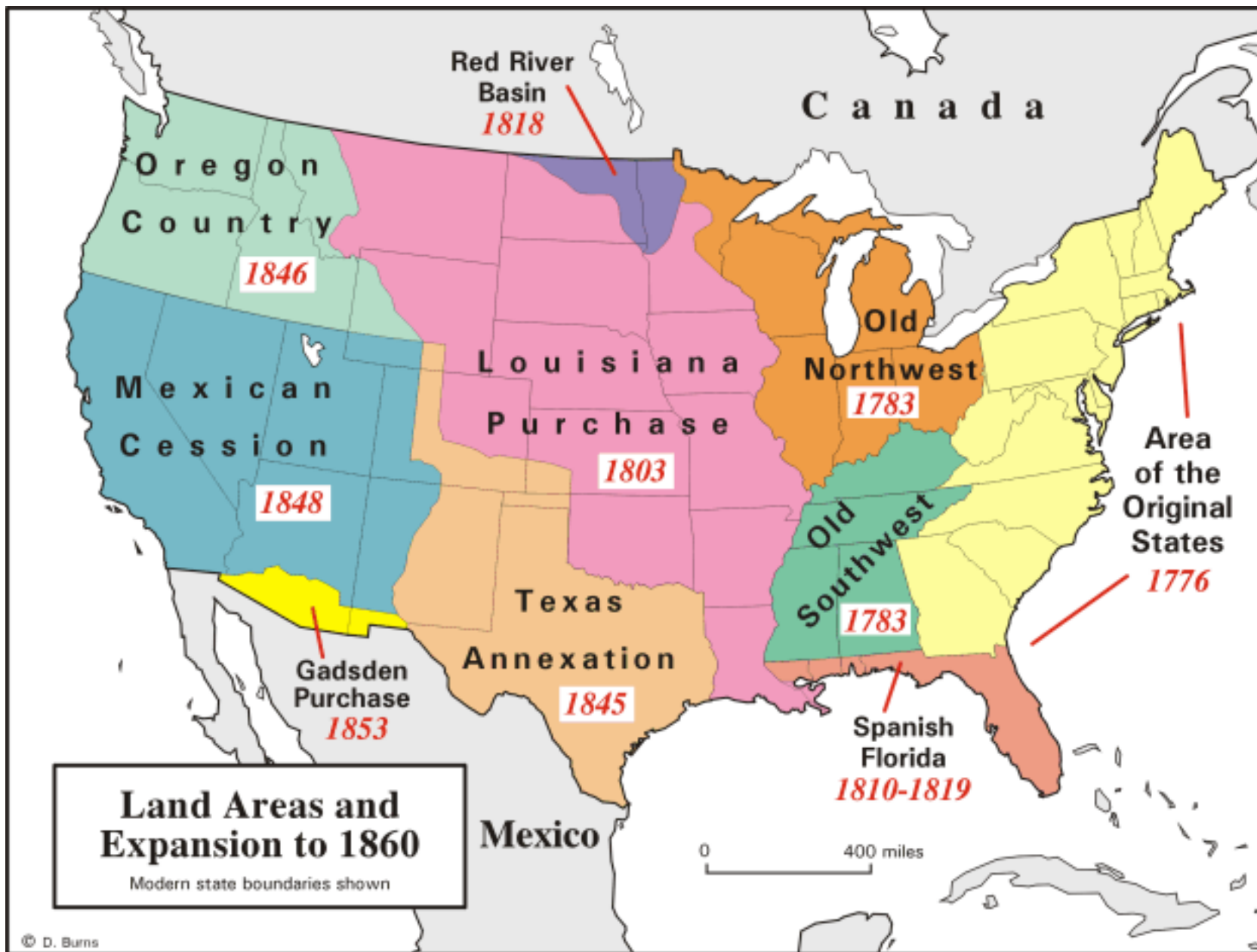
Louisiana Purchase of 1803 doubled the size of the United States

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Last foreign territory in east: Florida acquired in 1819 from Spain (Adams-Onis Treaty)

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By 1850, settlers had moved in California, Oregon, and Washington on the Pacific Coast



**Land Areas and Expansion to 1860**  
 Modern state boundaries shown

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# MANIFEST DESTINY

- The belief that America was destined by God to expand and settle the entire continent of North America

*“[It is America’s] manifest destiny to overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions.”*

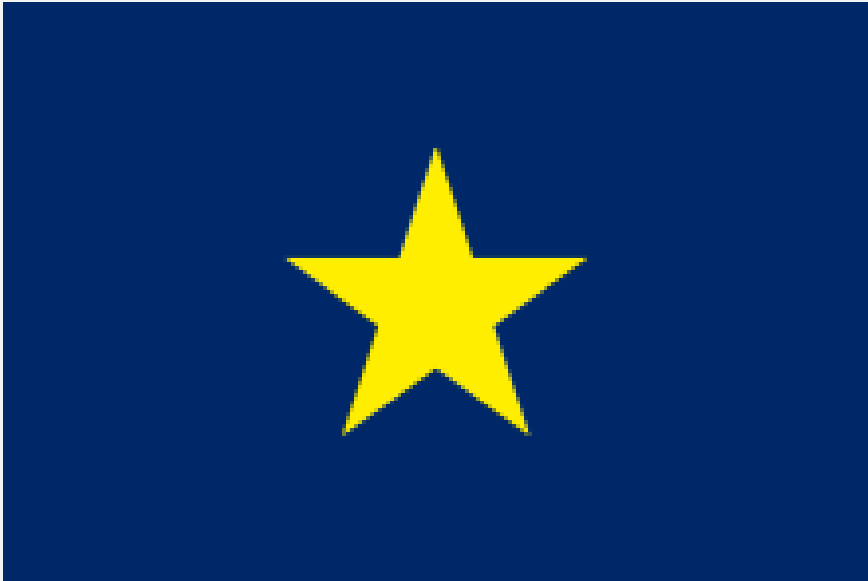
*—John L. O’Sullivan*

# OREGON

- Since 1818, joint occupation with Great Britain
- “**Fifty-four Forty or Fight**” – expansionist slogan
- Polk negotiated compromise- Oregon was divided along present border with Canada (**Oregon Treaty 1846**)



# TEXAS



- Sparsely populated – Mexico encouraged migration from U.S.
- By 1836 – Americans made up majority of Texas population, rebelled against Mexican government
- 1836-1845- the Republic of Texas
- **1845- Congress annexed Texas**
- Result of annexation: War broke out between U.S. and Mexico over Texas claims

# MEXICO, 1821



# MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR (1846-1848)

- Polk sent General Zachary Taylor to banks of Rio Grande – Mexican army attacked
- American Perspective:
  - Border was the Rio Grande
  - Mexican army invaded American territory
- Mexican Perspective:
  - Border was the Nueces River
  - American army invaded Mexican territory

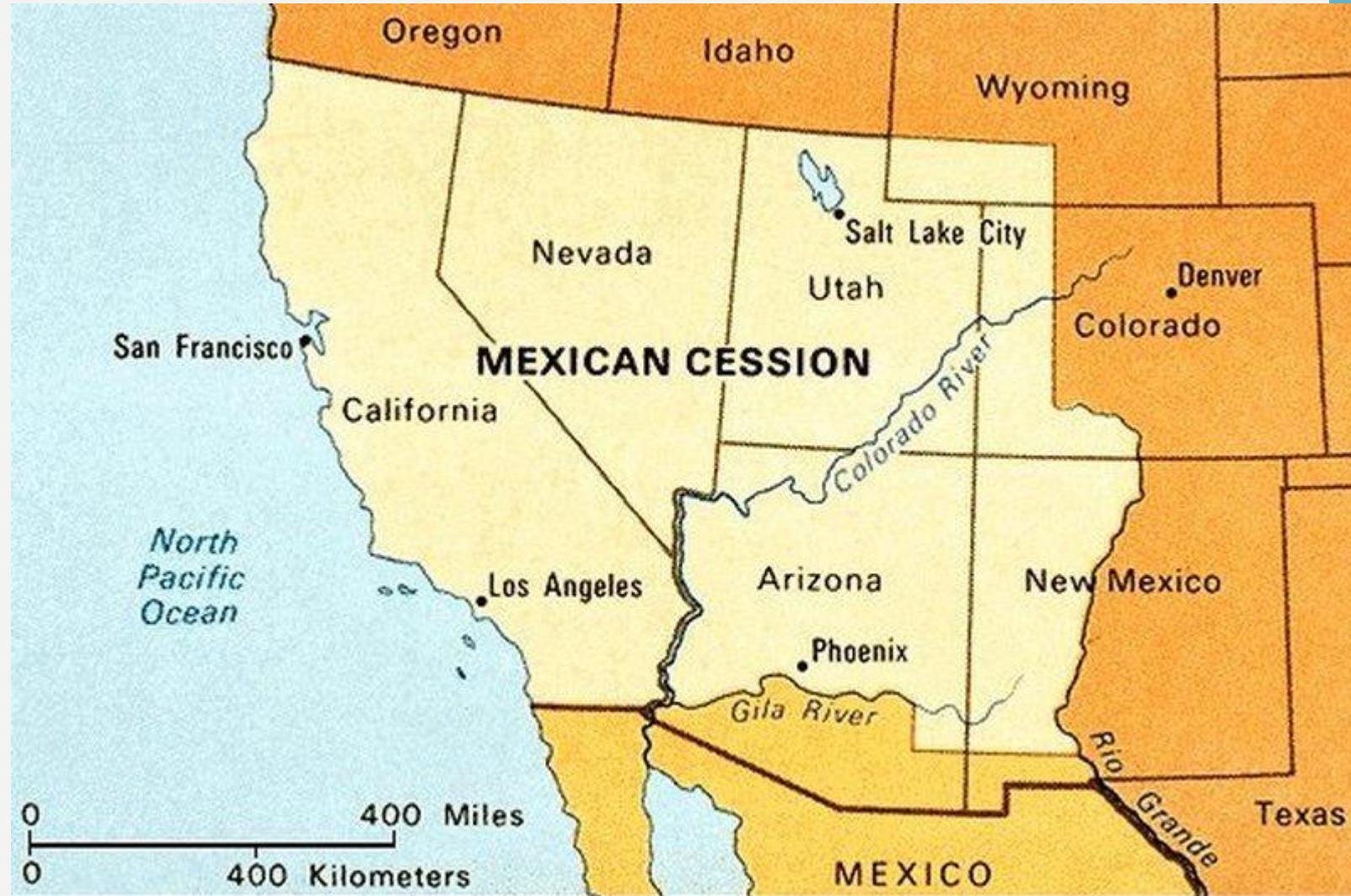


# END OF THE WAR

- **Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo (1848):**

1. Rio Grande recognized as border between U.S. and Mexico

2. **Mexican Cession:** Mexico ceded territories of California and New Mexico



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# SO WHAT?

## LASTING EFFECTS:

- “Manifest destiny” met
- Mexico lost almost 50% of its territory
- **Addition of new lands set off bitter debates on the issue of slavery**
  - Will new territories allow slavery?
  - Will balance of power between slave and free states be offset?



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