

CH. 16 The US Reaches from Sea to Sea (1840-1853)

I. How did the US gain part of the Oregon Country?

A. *Settlement of Oregon*

- Four nations claim Oregon: US, GB, Spain, Russia
- GB & US share Oregon in 1818.

B. *Gaining the Oregon Country*

- “Fifty four forty or fight” the slogan of presidential candidate James Polk.
- Oregon is divided by the US & GB by the **Treaty of 1846** at the 49th parallel.

II. How did the US gain Texas, the southwest, California?

A. *American Movement into Texas*

- Americans, led by Stephen Austin, were invited to settle in the province of Texas by the Mexican government.
- Texas declares its independence after the **revolution of 1836**.
- Texas becomes the **Lone Star Republic (1836-1845)**.
- Texas was **annexed** by the US in 1845.

B. *War between Mexico & the US*

- Mexico resents the Annexation of Texas because the US took more land than where the Texans had settled. The US annexed the land at the Rio Grande.
- American expansionists began looking at more lands owned by the Mexican, especially California.
- The US invaded Mexico after US forces were attacked at the Rio Grande. The regions of California and New Mexico were conquered by the US.

C. *Adding territory in the Southwest-*

- The war brings vast territory to the US. The **Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo 1848** was sign to end the war and give the US the **Mexican Cession**, which is most of the southwest of present day US. The US government paid \$15 million cash for the lands.
- The final piece of land bought was **the Gadsden Purchase 1853**.

III. How did the discovery of gold bring California into the Union?

A. *California Gold Fever-*

- Gold is discovered in California 1848.

B. *Gold Rush-led to increased population and statehood for California*