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Texas Annexation Timeline

Before its 1845 annexation as a U.S. state, Texas changed hands several times. Originally, the Texas territory was ruled by Spain. Next, Texas was ruled by Mexico. From 1836 to 1845, Texas even had a brief period as an independent republic!

Read the timeline. Then complete the questions on page 2.

Mexico's Independence From Spain Mexico Bans U.S. Immigration 1821 • When Spain granted Mexico independence, • Many American settlers refused to speak the territory of Texas became part of Mexico. Spanish and did not convert to Catholicism, Mexican officials invited American settlers to the dominant Mexican religion. farm land there. • Many American settlers brought enslaved • American settlers, eager for land, moved to people to Mexico, even though slavery was Mexican Texas. illegal there. Tensions grew, and the Mexican government 1830 banned further American immigration. **Texas Independence** • On March 2, 1836, American settlers formed The Republic of Texas a provisional independent government. • The Mexican president, Antonio Lopez de • On April 21, 1836, Texas won its 1836 1836 Santa Anna, sent troops into Texas to defeat independence by defeating the Mexican the rebellion. army at the Battle of San Jacinto. • U.S. southern states supported annexation of Texas. Northern states opposed adding Statehood for Texas Texas as a new state because slavery was allowed in Texas. • On December 29, 1845, Texas became the 28th state in the United States. Mexican-American War Starts Mexican leaders considered the U.S. 1845 annexation of Texas to be an act of 1846 The war started when Mexico claimed the aggression against Mexico. Nueces River to be the southern border of Texas 1848 U.S. Wins the Mexican-American War • The United States insisted the border was along the Rio Grande River, farther south. • As a result of the war, the southern border separating the state of Texas from Mexico was set at the Rio Grande River. • The U.S. also acquired Mexican territories in California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado, as well as parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Wyoming.

The Lone Star Flag was adopted by the Republic of Texas in 1839.

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Use information in the timeline to answer the questions.

1.	What happened in 1821 that opened the door for American settlers to move to Mexico?
2.	List the three main issues that caused conflicts between the American settlers and Mexican government in the early 1830s. a
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3.	What action did settlers living in Texas take in March 1836? How did Mexico respond to this action?
4.	Who fought in the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, and what was the outcome of that battle?
5.	When did Texas become the 28th state in the United States?
6.	Why did it take almost ten years for Texas to be annexed as a state in the United States?
7.	Which two rivers were part of the border dispute that caused the Mexican-American War in 1848?
8.	What other territories did the U.S. win in the Mexican-American War?