

The Mexican War

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New Land

To gain control of Texas, New Mexico, and California, President James K. Polk wanted to go to war with Mexico.

A map showing the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. The United States is green, Mexico is orange, and Oregon Country is teal. A yellow area represents New Mexico. A hatched area between New Mexico and Mexico is labeled 'Disputed Area'.

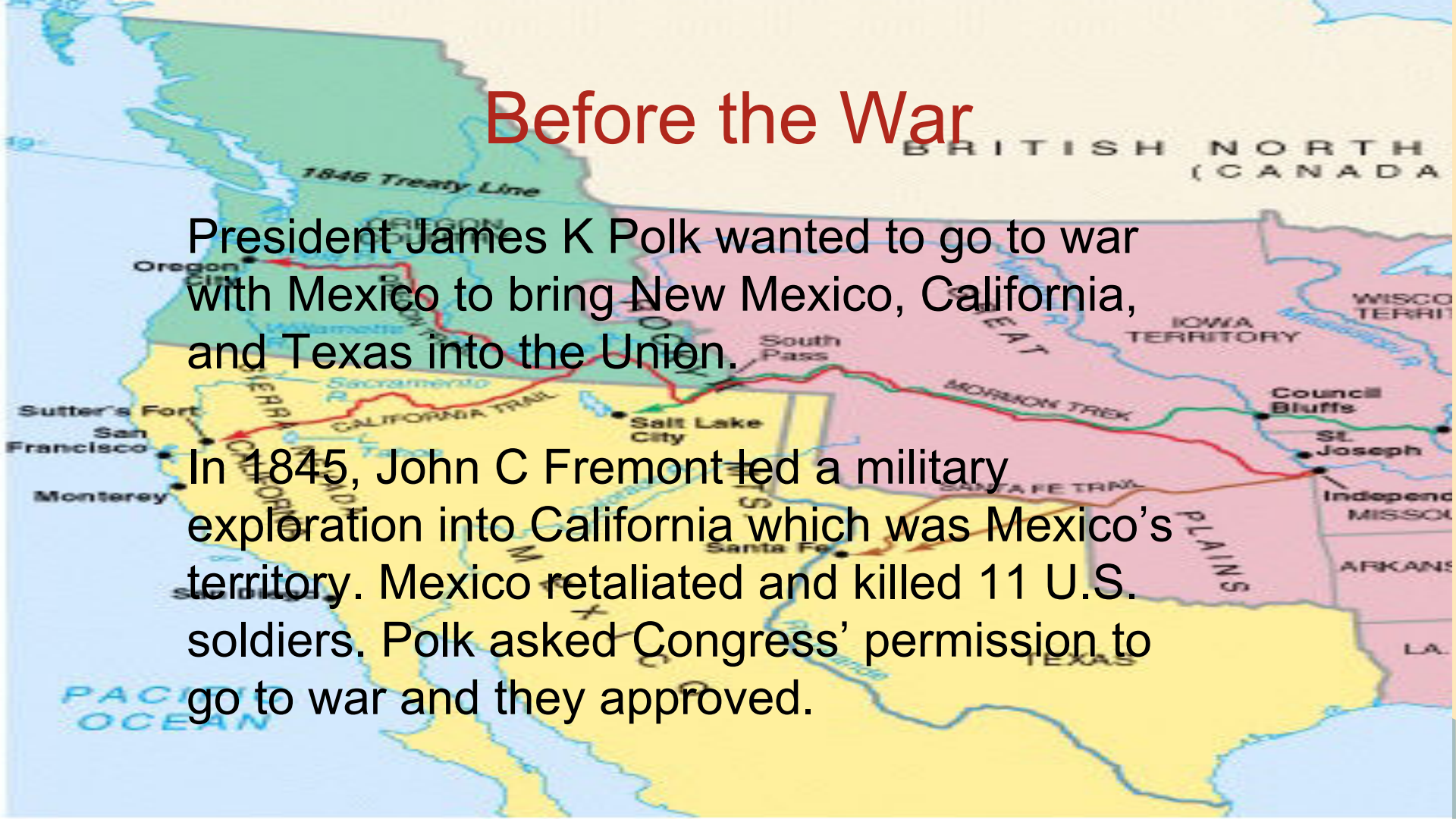
Disputed Area

MEXICO

Before the War

President James K Polk wanted to go to war with Mexico to bring New Mexico, California, and Texas into the Union.

In 1845, John C Fremont led a military exploration into California which was Mexico's territory. Mexico retaliated and killed 11 U.S. soldiers. Polk asked Congress' permission to go to war and they approved.





The War Begins

Polk ordered troops led by Colonel Stephen Kearny to Santa Fe, New Mexico and were met by a group of New Mexican troops. Some of them were among the upper-class and wanted to join the United States.

Mexico fell to the U.S.



America Wins The War

American Troops were lead into Mexico by Generals Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott. After almost one year Mexico was defeated. On February 2, 1848, Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, agreeing that Rio Grande is the border between Texas and Mexico. They also gave New Mexico and California to the United States.

