

Texas Annexation

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Independence From Spain

Mexico won independence from Spain in 1821.
at the time, Mexico included Texas and most of California.



The Mexican government encouraged ranchers from both Mexico and America to settle there. Many Americans jumped on the chance to buy inexpensive land and the population of Americans began to overwhelm the Mexicans.

Tension Between Settlers and Mexico

Cultural differences began to arise between the Mexican government and the American settlers. Most of the settlers were southerners who brought slaves into Texas. Mexico abolished slavery years before, and insisted hopelessly that the Americans free their slaves.



Stephen F. Austin



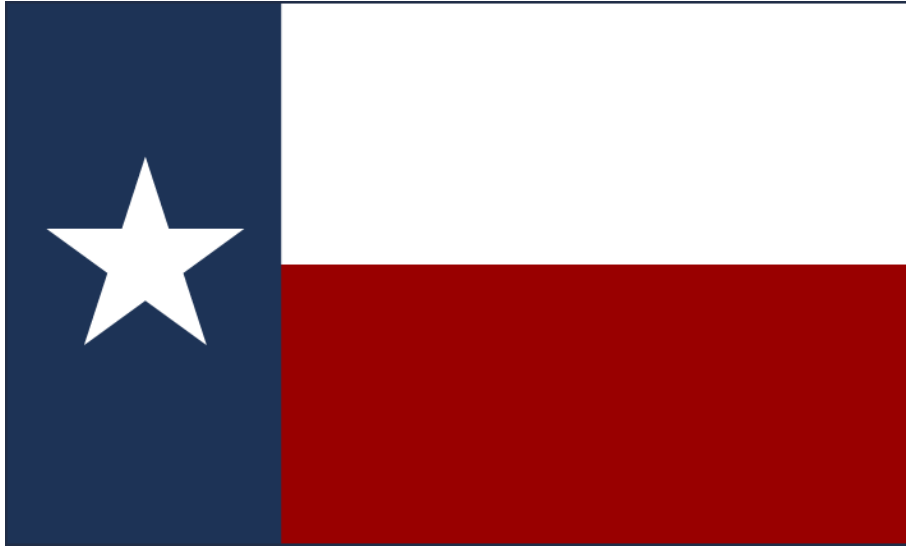
One of the first settlers was Stephen F. Austin. He established a colony that soon grew into a town. In 1833, he travelled to Mexico City to petition the Mexican president Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna for Texas to become a state. Santa Anna refused and had Austin imprisoned for trying to incite rebellion.

Battle of the Alamo

When Austin returned to Texas in 1835, he was convinced that war was the only option. He and a commander of troops moved the American Army to the Alamo, a fort in the center of San Antonio. General Antonio López de Santa Anna launched an assault on the Alamo. After a long and hard battle the Texans were forced to surrender, but the battle served as a victory because Texas was declared independent within a few days in 1836



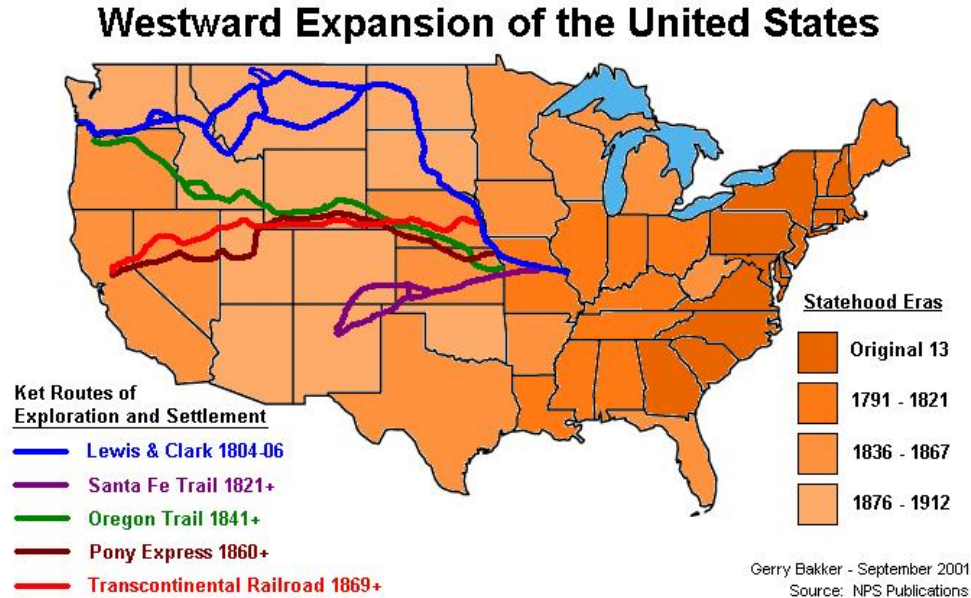
Independence



Texas separated from Mexico to become the Lone Star republic. Mexico did not want to lose Texas so there were constant wars between the Lone Star Republic and Mexico. Finally Texas realized it did not have the resources to continue fighting these war. So in 1845 they asked to be part of the United States. The United States and Mexico went to war over where the boundaries of the state actually were. On December 29, 1845, Texas became a state.

How did the Texas Annexation lead to Western Migration?

Due to America acquiring Texas and it being a slave state we had to get more territory in order to keep the balance of slave to non slave states.



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