

Unit: Western Expansion
Lesson #9 Southwest Imperialism

Essential Questions:

- What land did the United States acquire in this war and what resources did it hold?
(first half on the previous lesson)

Sourcing--

Have a student on the overhead display the following:

- Circle **who** wrote the ordinance...
- Underline twice **when** the document was written
- Put a box around the area that gives a general purpose for **why** the document was written

Contextualization—

Watch the You Tube video The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo as review...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGXgl-hmnf0>

Comprehension—

Look at the following map:

http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/76/Mexican_Cession.png&imgrefurl=http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mexican_Cession.png&usq=TEEk0Aa5pO821WpuXa9_IpWX9Gg=&h=1541&w=2328&sz=2882&hl=en&start=1&um=1&tbnid=rrNR_IpheHIMXM:&tbnh=99&tbnw=150&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dmexican%2Bcession%26hl%3Den%26um%3D1

Outline the areas that the document mentions and then discuss the physical features inside—give each student a piece of paper and have them answer the question:

What environmental promises did this land hold for the United States?

Each student should then ball up their idea and do a round of tosses where students read others ideas—after a few rounds, come up with a class consensus to the answer of the question.

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The Boundary line established by this Article shall be religiously respected by each of the two Republics, and no change shall ever be made therein, except by the express and free consent of both nations, lawfully given by the General Government of each, in conformity with its own constitution.

Corroboration—

Sam Houston on Continental Expansion of the US, Texas Register, March 2 1848

All articles in The Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo

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Land Taken via the Mexican-American War...

