

★ Guided Reading Activity 7-4

DIRECTIONS: Identifying Supporting Details Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

★ **Main Idea:** In 1844, James K. Polk was elected president and promised to annex Texas and Oregon and buy California from Mexico.

1. **Detail:** Problems facing the annexation of Texas by the United States included the issue of _____ and the fact that Mexico still considered Texas to be Mexican territory.
2. **Detail:** In his campaign in favor of annexing Texas, President Tyler blundered when he included in his supporting documents a letter written by Secretary of State _____.
3. **Detail:** The Democratic candidate for president, James K. Polk, promised to annex Texas, along with the contested _____ territory in the Northwest.
4. **Detail:** In 1845 Mexico said Texas's southwestern border was the _____, but Texans and the United States said the border was the _____.

★ **Main Idea:** Hostilities over the southwestern boundary of Texas led to war with Mexico.

5. **Detail:** Many _____ opposed the war with Mexico as yet another plot to extend slavery.
6. **Detail:** To implement the war with Mexico, Congress authorized the president to call for _____ volunteers. Almost _____ answered the call.
7. **Detail:** Polk, seeing Zachary Taylor as a potential rival in the 1848 election, eased him out of the war by placing _____ in command of the last Mexican campaign.
8. **Detail:** In the _____, Mexico gave the United States more than 500,000 square miles of territory—what are now the states of California, Utah, and Nevada, as well as parts of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming.