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**DIRECTIONS:** Use your textbook pages 369-374 to fill in the following blanks using the words in this box.

Guadalupe Hidalgo	Santa Fe Trail	capital	John Slidell
William Becknell	war with Mexico	1833	Santa Fe
mission system	Spanish explorers	1840s	declared war
Republic of California	New Mexico	half	Pacific
Zachary Taylor			

### The New Mexico Territory

In the early 1800s, the area of (1)\_\_\_\_\_ included all of present-day New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah and parts of Colorado and Wyoming. The Spanish tried to keep Americans away from (2)\_\_\_\_\_, fearing that Americans would want to take over the area. (3)\_\_\_\_\_, the first American trader to reach Santa Fe, arrived in 1821. The route he took became known as the (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

### California's Spanish Culture

Missionaries and (5)\_\_\_\_\_ were the first Europeans to settle in California. A key part of Spain's plan to colonize California was the (6)\_\_\_\_\_. In (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the Mexican government passed a law abolishing the missions and sold some of the land to Mexican settlers. American families began arriving in the (8)\_\_\_\_\_. Many Americans saw the benefits of extending the United States territory to the (9)\_\_\_\_\_.



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## War With Mexico

President Polk sent an agent, (10) \_\_\_\_\_, to Mexico to settle several disputes. When the Mexican government refused to negotiate, Polk ordered General (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to march soldiers to the disputed borderland. Mexican soldiers attacked the American soldiers in 1846, and Congress (12) \_\_\_\_\_. The American people were divided over the (13) \_\_\_\_\_. In the summer of 1846, General Stephen Watts Kearny captured the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of New Mexico without firing a shot. A small group of Americans in Sonoma proclaimed the independent (15) \_\_\_\_\_. The Treaty of (16) \_\_\_\_\_ was signed in February 1848, ending the war with Mexico. The war cost Mexico (17) \_\_\_\_\_ of its territory.

