

Expansion Leads to Conflict**Focus on Writing****The Annexation of Mexican Land by the United States**

Based on what you have read in the chapter "Expansion Leads to Conflict," write a paragraph that either supports or opposes the way the United States acquired land from Mexico.

PREWRITING

1. **Consider the Assignment** What are the assignment instructions actually asking for? You are being asked to take a position on an issue and persuade others to agree with your position. To help you complete this assignment, rephrase the assignment as a question: "Do you support or oppose the way the United States acquired land from Mexico?" Think about what information you will need to answer this question.
2. **Ask Yourself Questions** Break down the assignment question you created. The first thing you will need to know is how the United States acquired land from Mexico. Next you will need to decide whether you support or oppose America's actions. How will you decide which position to take? Determine the criteria you will use to make your decision, such as: What were the goals of U.S. annexation of Mexican lands? Were those goals met? How did America's annexation of Mexican lands affect the United States? What were the effects of annexation on Mexico? How did the annexation affect relations between the United States and Mexico?
3. **Take Notes** Reread Sections 2 and 3 of your textbook chapter. As you do so, look for the answers to the questions you asked yourself. Use a graphic organizer like the one below to keep track of your answers.

How did the United States acquire land from Mexico?	What were the goals of annexation? Were the goals met?	What were the effects of annexation on the United States?	What were the effects of annexation on Mexico?	How were relations between the United States and Mexico affected?

e Ballad of Davy Crockett
ll Hayes

om _Davy Crockett_
sic: George Bruns
rics: Tom Blackburn

rn n a mountain top in Tennessee
eenest state in the land of the free
ised in the woods so he knew ev'ry tree
lt him a b'ar when he was only three
vy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier!

eighteen thirteen the Creeks uprose
idin' redskin arrows to the country's woes
w, Injun fightin' is somethin' he knows,
he shoulders his rifle an' off he goes
vy, Davy Crockett, the man who don't know fear!

if through the woods he's a marchin' along
kin' up yarns an' a singin' a song
chin' fer fightin' an' rightin' a wrong
s ringy as a b'ar an' twict as strong
vy, Davy Crockett, the buckskin buccaneer!

dy Jackson is our gen'ral's name
s reg'lar soldiers we'll put to shame
em redskin varmints us Volunteers'll tame
ause we got the guns with the sure-fire aim
vy, Davy Crockett, the champion of us all!~

aded back to war from the ol' home place
it Red Stick was leadin' a merry chase
gh 'n' an' burnin' at a devil's pace
ut co the swamps on the Florida Trace
vy, Davy Crockett, trackin' the redskins down!

ought single-handed through the Injun War
ll the Creeks was whipped an' peace was in stor
r' while he was handlin' this risky chore
ade hisself a legend for evermore
vy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier!

e give his word an' he give his hand
nat his Injun friends could keep their land
r' the rest of his life he took the stand
nat justice was due every redskin band
vy, Davy Crockett, holdin' his promise dear!

ome fer the winter with his family
appy as squirrels in the ol' gum tree
ain' the father he wanted to be
lose to his boys as the pod an' the pea
vy, Davy Crockett, holdin' his young'uns dear!

at the ice went out an' the warm winds came
r' the meltin' snow showed tracks of game
r' the flowers of Spring filled the woods with
r' all of a sudden life got too tame
vy, Davy Crockett, headin' on West again!

Off through the woods we're ridin' along
makin' up yarns an' singin' a song
He's ringy as a b'ar an' twict as strong
an' knows he's right 'cause he ain' often wrong
Davy, Davy Crockett, the man who don't know fear!

Lookin' fer a place where the air smells clean
where the trees is tall an' the grass is green
where the fish is fat in an untouched stream
an' the teemin' woods is a hunter's dream
Davy, Davy Crockett, lookin' fer Paradise!

Now he's lost his love an' his grief was gall
in his heart he wanted to leave it all
an' lose himself in the forests tall
but he answered instead his country's call
Davy, Davy Crockett, beginnin' his campaign!

Needin' his help they didn't vote blind
They put in Davy 'cause he was their kind
sent up to Nashville the best they could find
a fightin' spirit an' a thinkin' mind
Davy, Davy Crockett, choice of the whole frontier!

The votes were counted an' he won hands down
so they sent him off to Washin'ton town
with his best dress suit still his buckskins brown
a livin' legend of growin' renown
Davy, Davy Crockett, the Canebrake Congressman!

He went off to Congress an' served a spell
fixin' up the Govern'ments an' laws as well
took over Washin'ton so we heered tell
an' patched up the crack in the Liberty Bell
Davy, Davy Crockett, seein' his duty clear!

Him an' his jokes travelled all through the land
an' his speeches made him friends to beat the band
His politickin' was their favorite brand
an' everyone wanted to shake his hand
Davy, Davy Crockett, helpin' his legend grow!

He knew when he spoke he sounded the knell
of his hopes for White House an' fame as well
But he spoke out strong so hist'ry books tell
an' patched up the crack in the Liberty Bell
Davy, Davy Crockett, seein' his duty clear!

When he come home his politickin' done
the western march had just begun
So he packed his gear an' his trusty gun
an' lit out grinnin' to follow the sun
Davy, Davy Crockett, leadin' the pioneer!

He heard of Houston an' Austin so
to the Texas plains he jest had to go
Where freedom was fightin' another foe
an' they needed him at the Alamo
Davy, Davy Crockett, the man who don't know fear!

His land is biggest an' his land is best
from grassy plains to the mountain crest
He's ahead of us all meetin' the test
followin' his legend into the West
Davy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier!