

e Ballad of Davy Crockett  
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om \_Davy Crockett\_  
sic: George Bruns  
rics: Tom Blackburn

rn a 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!

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

ady 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  
out 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 hissself a legend for evermore  
vy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier!

e give his word an' he give his hand  
at his Injun friends could keep their land  
r' the rest of his life he took the stand  
at 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  
ein' 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!

**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?