Mexican American War

1. When did Mexico become an independent country and from whom did it gain its independence?
2. What was the original cause of the struggle between the United States and Mexico?
3. When did Texas declare independence from Mexico?
4. When did Texas become a territory of the U.S.?
5. Where does the phrase "Manifest Destiny" come from? How does it apply to the Mexican-American War?
6. How did the war with Mexico begin?
7. Who was Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and what role did he play in the Mexican War?
8. Where was the first major action of the war fought?
9. What was the result of the Battle of San Jacinto?
10. What role did James K. Polk play during the Mexican War?
11. What event took place that encouraged both sides to talk peace?
12. What was the name of the treaty that ended the war?
13. Explain the conditions of that treaty.

**Complete the following in either PowerPoint or BoardBuilder. Be sure to add at least 2 images to your presentation.**

Explain the causes of the Mexican-American War. This will help you in your speech to convince your fellow Congressman to make the same decision you have.

Explain the effects of the war. Why did it have such a huge impact on the issues of territorial expansion and slavery?

Explain why this war is considered one of America's darkest periods?