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The Mexican War Hidden Message Puzzle



Use the clues below to fill in the blanks at the right. When you are finished, read the letters in the circled blanks to find the phrase used to describe the belief that the United States should extend from "sea to shining sea."

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| 1. "____ blood shed on American soil" | _ () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. An independent republic for nine years | _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ |
| 3. The United States was ready to support a revolution in this region. | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ |
| 4. The United States claimed this was the border of Texas. | _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 5. One of the countries that recognized the Texas Republic's independence | () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 6. River the Mexicans claimed was the Texas border | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ |
| 7. The boundary ____ over the Oregon Territory was settled in 1846. | _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 8. General who moved an army into the disputed region of Texas | () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. The Treaty of Guadalupe ____ ended the Mexican War. | _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 10. General who led a U.S. army through New Mexico and into California | _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ _ _ _ |
| 11. General Taylor defeated this Mexican commander at Buena Vista. | () _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 12. Kearny's men had to cross ____ and mountains to get to California. | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ |
| 13. General Winfield Scott captured this capital city. | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ |
| 14. Mexico ceded California and ____ Territory to the United States. | () _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ |
| 15. Month when the Mexican War officially ended | _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ () _ _ |