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The Mexican American War of 1846

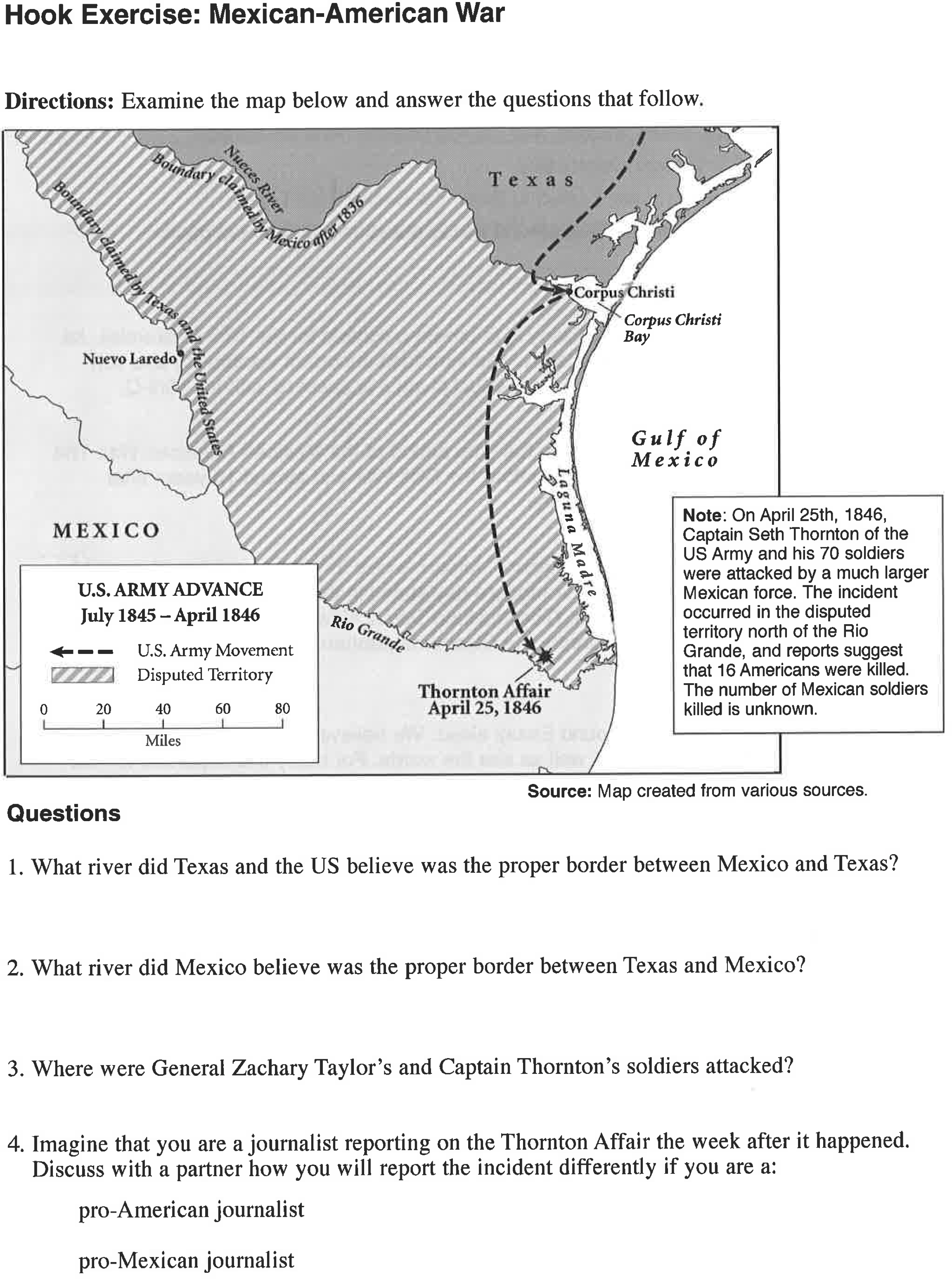
Essential Question: Was the United States justified in going to war with Mexico?

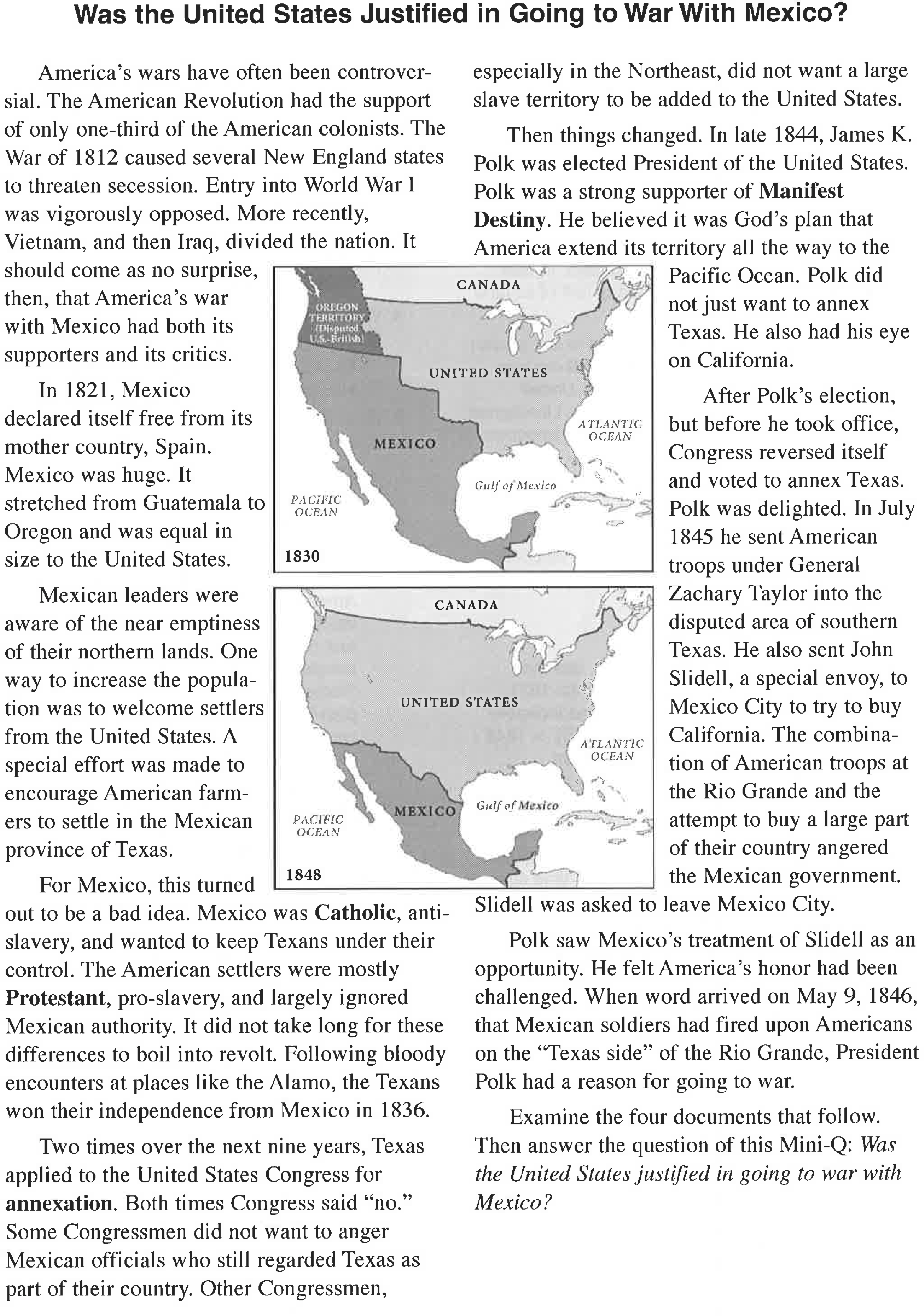


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# Understanding the Question

1. What is the essential question asked by this assignment?
2. What is the meaning of “justified”?
3. Rewrite the question in your own words.







**Background Essay**

# Background Essay Questions

1. In what year did Mexico win its independence from Spain?
2. In what year did Texas win its independence from Mexico?

3 Define or explain each of these items.

1. Catholic
2. Protestant
3. annexation
4. Manifest Destiny

4. Why would Mexican officials have been upset by the annexation of Texas by the United States?

