

# DBQ: WAS THE UNITED STATES JUSTIFIED IN GOING TO WAR WITH MEXICO?

## Document A

It is time for opposition to the Annexation of Texas to cease.... Texas is now ours.... Let their reception into the "family" be frank, kindly, and cheerful....

[O]ther nations have undertaken ... hostile interference against us, ... hampering our power, limiting our greatness and checking the fulfillment of our manifest destiny to overspread the continent allotted by Providence [God] for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions.

California will, probably, next fall away from [Mexico].... Imbecile and distracted, Mexico never can exert any real governmental authority over such a country.... The Anglo-Saxon foot is already on [California's] borders ... armed with the plough and the rifle, and marking its trail with schools and colleges, courts and representative halls, mills and meeting-houses.... All this [will happen] in the natural flow of events....

1. (Summary) What is O'Sullivan saying? What does he think about the United States annexing Texas?
2. Paraphrase two significant points O'Sullivan makes to support his position.
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3. Box words or phrases do you find confusing? Put a squiggle line under the information that may have clues to figure these out.
4. How can this document be used to justify American's going to war with Mexico?
5. How can this document be used to argue against America going to war with Mexico?