STUDY SHEET, ISSUES 18-20

**General Vallejo** The commander at the military base in Sonoma when the rebels attacked

**Sonoma** Where the Bear Flag Revolt happened

**Californios** Mexicans living in California

**Donner Party** The group of settlers that took a short cut and got lost in the snow

**Jedediah Smith** Famous explorer and trapper, arrested by Mexico as a spy

**treaty** An agreement between two countries which ends a war

**Manifest Destiny** Idea that Americans should be able to settle the U. S. from sea to shining sea

**annex** When a country takes over land and makes it part of their country

**nation** A group of people living in the same place under the same government

**republic** A form of government where people can choose their own leaders

**independence** Freedom

**Miguel Hidalgo** The priest who encouraged the Mexican people to fight for independence

**deport** To send people out of a country

**Sierra Nevada** A mountain range that settlers crossed on their way to California

**surveyor** People who measured and marked the new lands that they found.

BIG IDEAS TO KNOW

* Most of the fighting in the Mexican-American War took place in Texas and Mexico.
* As a result of the war, the United States gained over 500,000 square miles of land. California became a territory of the United States. Mexico lost a lot of land but was paid $5 million for it.
* After the war, even though they fought against the United States, Californios got to keep their land in California and were allowed to become citizens.
* In the years following the war, both Mexico and the United States faced civil wars in their countries.