

James K. Polk

Born: _____

Died: _____

State Born In: _____

Party Affiliation: _____

Other Political Offices Held: _____

State Living In When Elected President: _____

Opposition Candidate(s) During Election and Party Affiliation(s): _____

Served as President: _____

Wife: _____

Children: _____

Vice President(s): _____

Secretary(ies) of State: _____

Supreme Court Justices Appointed: _____

Domestic Programs Begun: _____

International Programs Begun: _____

Notable Events During Presidency: _____

President Polk Timeline

Write each event from the list below beside the correct year.

1818

1821

1823

1824

1825

1835

1839

1845

1846

1848

1. Elected Speaker of the House
2. Graduated from the University of North Carolina
3. Married Sarah Childress
4. The Mexican War ended
5. Became the chief clerk of the Tennessee Senate
6. Became President
7. Elected Governor of Tennessee
8. The Mexican War began
9. Elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives
10. Elected to his first term in the US House of Representatives

Places to Know

Write the letter of the correct place beside each fact below.

- _____ 1. Independent nation that Polk wanted to annex into the United States
- _____ 2. Territory that he settled a boundary dispute with that was referred to in his campaign slogan of "Fifty-four forty or fight!"
- _____ 3. Nation that a war was fought with because of Texas becoming a state
- _____ 4. Nation that a treaty was signed with to give the U.S. access across Panama
- _____ 5. State that the United States Naval Academy was founded in at Annapolis
- _____ 6. Nation that claimed part of the Oregon Territory
- _____ 7. City that Polk retired to after his term as president
- _____ 8. Territory that was acquired after the Mexican War
- _____ 9. Location that the United States claimed was the border of Texas
- _____ 10. Location of the start of the California Gold Rush

- a. Maryland
- b. California
- c. Columbia
- d. Texas
- e. Sutter's Mill
- f. Nashville
- g. Mexico
- h. Great Britain
- i. Rio Grande
- j. Oregon

Key People

There were many key people during Polk's life and presidency. See if you can choose the correct person for each fact listed.

1. Polk's wife
 - a. Sarah Childress
 - b. Jane Knox Polk
 - c. Floride Calhoun
2. President of Mexico at the time of the Mexican War
 - a. Antonio López de Santa Anna
 - b. José Joaquín Herrera
 - c. Juan Seguín
3. Pennsylvania lawyer that became Polk's running mate in the 1844 election
 - a. Lewis Cass
 - b. Andrew Jackson
 - c. George M. Dallas
4. Delegate to the Democratic presidential convention that proposed that Polk be the compromise candidate in the election of 1844
 - a. Joseph Story
 - b. George Bancroft
 - c. Martin Van Buren
5. The first choice for Polk's vice president
 - a. John C. Calhoun
 - b. Silas Wright
 - c. Joel Childress
6. Whig candidate for president in 1844
 - a. Henry Clay
 - b. John Quincy Adams
 - c. Abraham Lincoln
7. Secretary of the Treasury under Polk
 - a. Nathan Clifford
 - b. Isaac Toucey
 - c. Robert J. Walker
8. Hero of the Mexican War that became president after Polk
 - a. Samuel Polk
 - b. Zachary Taylor
 - c. Robert Grier
9. Sent by Polk to Mexico City to negotiate the border of Texas
 - a. John Slidell
 - b. David Wilmot
 - c. Cave Johnson
10. Signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to end the Mexican War
 - a. Nicholas Trist
 - b. Theodore Frelinghuysen
 - c. Henry David Thoreau
11. First secretary of the Department of the Interior, which was created under President Polk
 - a. Franklin Pierce
 - b. Felix Grundy
 - c. Thomas Ewing

12. Polk's Secretary of State

a. John Sutter

b. Samuel F. B. Morse

c. James Buchanan

13. Polk's Secretary of War

a. James W. Marshall

b. William L. Marcy

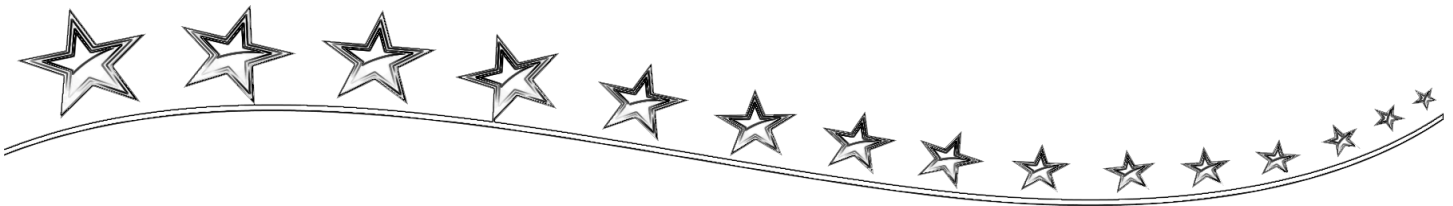
c. Ulysses S. Grant

14. Polk's first Attorney General

a. James Russell Lowell

b. Levi Woodbury

c. John Y. Mason



Zachary Taylor

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President Taylor Timeline

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1784

1785

1806

1808

1810

1835

1846

1847

1848

1850

1. Made first lieutenant in the infantry
2. Died
3. Moved with his family to Kentucky
4. Won the Battle of Buena Vista during the Mexican War
5. His daughter, Sarah, married Jefferson Davis
6. Married Margaret Mackall Smith
7. Born in Virginia
8. Elected president
9. Made a Major General in the army
10. Enlisted in the army

Which War?

During his military career, Zachary Taylor fought in several wars. Write the correct battle on the lines under the war that it took place during. Please note, Zachary Taylor did not take part in every battle listed.

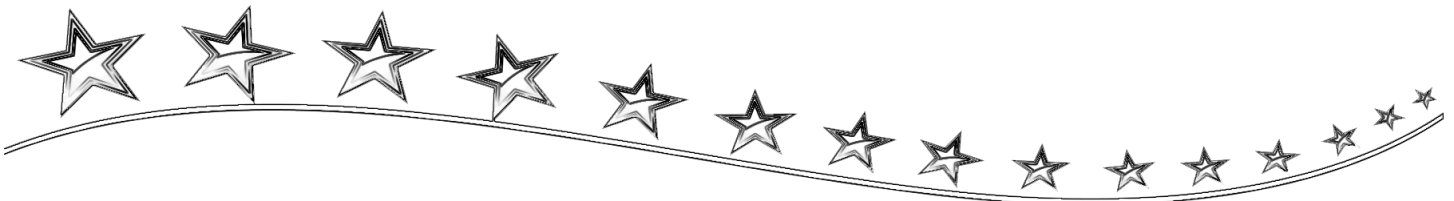
War of 1812	Black Hawk War
Second Seminole War	Mexican War

1. Battle of Chippewa
2. Battle of Kellogg's Grove
3. Battle of Palo Alto
4. Battle of Stillman's Run
5. Battle of Lake Okeechobee
6. Battle of Monterrey
7. Battle of Lundy's Lane
8. Battle of Buena Vista
9. Battle of the Loixahatchee River
10. Battle of Bad Axe

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1. Commanded the Mexican Army at the Battle of Palo Alto
 - a. Mariano Arista
 - b. Pedro de Ampudia
 - c. Gabriel Valencia
2. Ordered by Taylor to head to Veracruz and then to Mexico City during the Mexican War
 - a. Martin Van Buren
 - b. Henry Clay
 - c. Winfield Scott
3. Taylor's wife
 - a. Sarah Knox Taylor
 - b. Margaret Mackall Smith
 - c. Ann Mackall
4. Taylor's son-in-law and future president of the Confederacy
 - a. Jefferson Davis
 - b. Richard Taylor
 - c. William W.S. Bliss
5. Defeated by Taylor in the 1848 election
 - a. Lewis Cass
 - b. William Worth
 - c. James K. Polk
6. Taylor's vice president who succeeded him as president
 - a. Abraham Lincoln
 - b. Daniel Webster
 - c. Millard Fillmore
7. General who led a force that included Colonel Zachary Taylor during the Black Hawk War
 - a. John C. Calhoun
 - b. Henry Atkinson
 - c. James Wayne
8. Taylor's Secretary of State who signed a treaty involving the soon to be built Panama Canal
 - a. William H. Seward
 - b. John M. Clayton
 - c. Henry Lytton Bulwer
9. Taylor's Secretary of the Treasury
 - a. William Meredith
 - b. Walter Smith
 - c. John Catron
10. Taylor's Secretary of War
 - a. Samuel Nelson
 - b. George Washington Crawford
 - c. John McKinley



Answer Key

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	1848	The Mexican War ended

Places to Know (Polk)

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| 1. d | 6. h |
| 2. j | 7. f |
| 3. g | 8. b |
| 4. c | 9. i |
| 5. a | 10. e |

Key People (Polk)

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|------|-------|
| 1. a | 8. b |
| 2. b | 9. a |
| 3. c | 10. a |
| 4. b | 11. c |
| 5. b | 12. c |
| 6. a | 13. b |
| 7. c | 14. c |

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	1850	Died

Which War (Taylor)

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Second Seminole War Battle of Lake Okeechobee Battle of the Loxahatchee River	Mexican War Battle of Palo Alto Battle of Monterrey Battle of Buena Vista

Key People (Taylor)

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| <p>1. a</p> <p>2. c</p> <p>3. b</p> <p>4. a</p> <p>5. a</p> | <p>6. c</p> <p>7. b</p> <p>8. b</p> <p>9. a</p> <p>10. b</p> |
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