

Exercise walk-through

The Mexican–American War ■ 5.3

eXercise

You must be able to

- state how the United States added territory
- name the three questions the new lands raised
- state what happened to Mexican Americans and American Indians
- explain why a military victory produced a political crisis

Method — How territory was added

The United States added large territories in the West through victory in the Mexican-American War and diplomatic negotiations. Both, not only the war.

Method — Three questions

The acquisition raised questions about **the status of slavery, American Indians, and Mexicans in the newly acquired lands**. Three populations and one institution.

Method — What followed

U.S. government interaction and conflict with Mexican Americans and American Indians increased in regions newly taken from American Indians and Mexico, altering these groups' economic self-sufficiency and cultures.

Method — Victory into crisis

The territory arrived without a rule for whether slavery would exist in it, and the existing compromise did not cover the new ground. A war fought abroad therefore reopened the domestic question 4.3 had temporarily stemmed.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State how the United States added the territories.

Solution 2.1

Method: How territory was added

Worked steps

through victory in the Mexican-American War **B1** and diplomatic negotiations **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

Name the three questions the new lands raised.

Solution 2.2

Method: Three questions

Worked steps

the status of slavery **B1**; of American Indians **B1**; of Mexicans in the newly acquired lands **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

A victory abroad produced a crisis at home.

(a) Explain how.

(b) State what happened to the groups in the new regions.

Solution 2.3

Method: Victory into crisis

Worked steps

(a) the territory arrived without a rule for slavery **B1**, so the domestic question reopened on new ground **B1**. (b) their economic self-sufficiency and cultures were altered **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The new territories raised questions about the status of slavery, American Indians and

- A** Mexicans
- B** the British
- C** Canadians
- D** nobody else

Solution 3.1

Method: Three questions

A Mexicans



B the British

C Canadians

D nobody else

Worked steps

A. Mexicans.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the territories were added through victory and

A diplomatic negotiations

B purchase only

C inheritance

D a plebiscite

Solution 3.2

Method: How territory was added

A diplomatic negotiations



B purchase only

C inheritance

D a plebiscite

Worked steps

A. diplomatic negotiations.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

New land arrives with no rule governing an existing dispute.

- (a) State the immediate consequence.
- (b) Explain why an old compromise does not cover it.

Solution 3.3

Method: Victory into crisis

Worked steps

(a) the dispute reopens over the new ground **B1**. (b) a compromise is an agreement about a specified territory **B1**, so land outside its terms is not covered by it **B1**.