

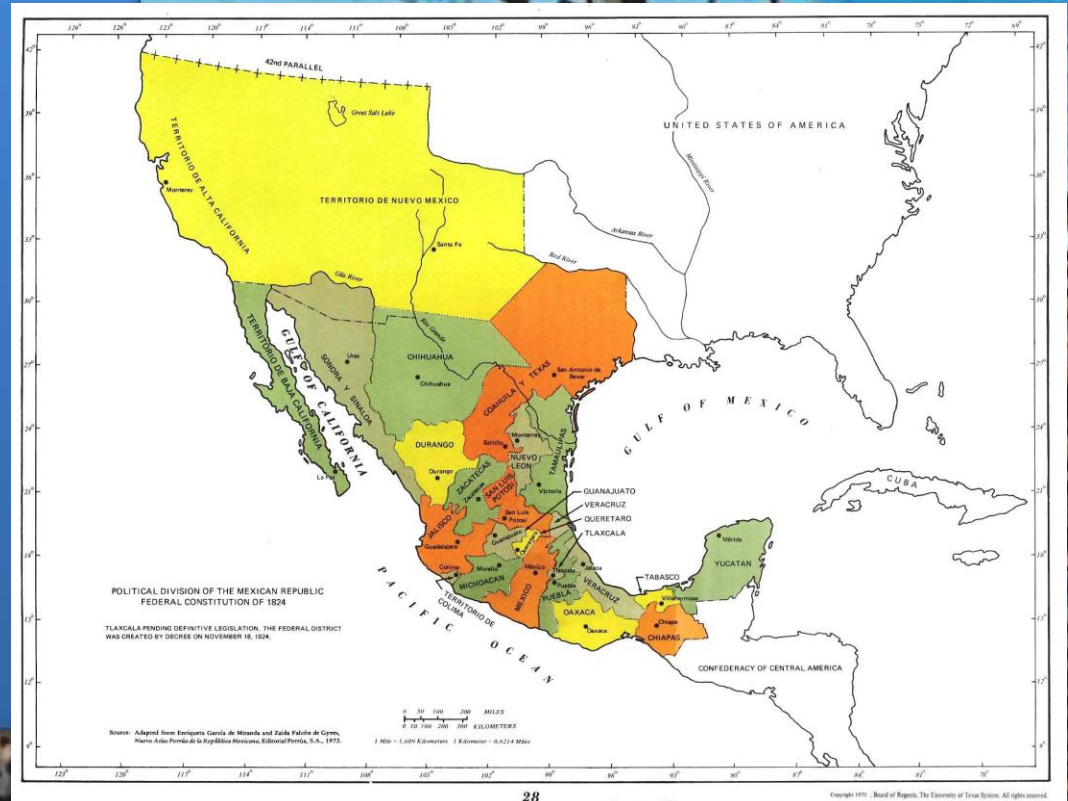
# TEXAS INDEPENDENCE AND THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR

1821-1847



# MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE

- 1821 – Mexico gains independence from Spain
- Mexico gains control of old Spanish lands in North America



# AMERICANS COME TO TEXAS

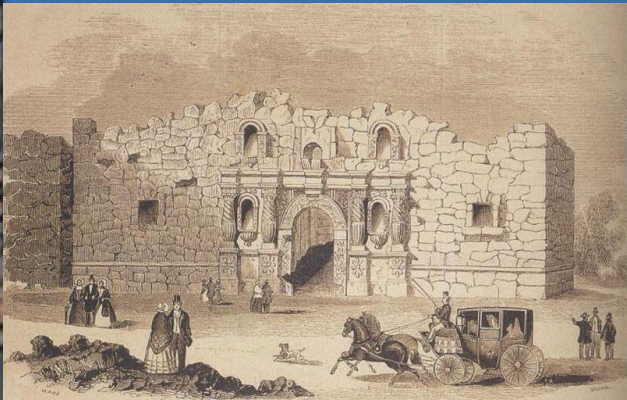
- Many Americans came to Texas (Called Anjelos)
  - good farmland
  - No taxes for first 10 years
- Anjelos became upset with Mexican government
  - Restrictions on owning slaves
  - No freedom of religion
- October 1835 Texans start war of Independence



Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

# Battle of The Alamo

- Old Spanish Mission in modern San Antonio
  - About 180-250 Texans
  - Over 1500 Mexicans



# REMEMBER THE ALAMO!



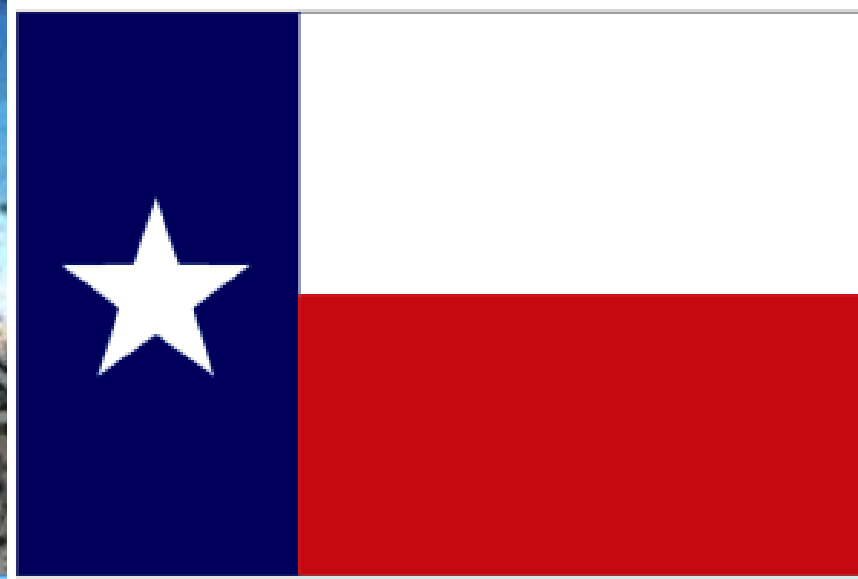
- Even though the Alamo was a loss for the Texans it became a symbol of Texas' resistance to the Mexicans and a rallying cry

# TEXAS WINS INDEPENDENCE



- After Battle of San Jacinto the Mexican Army was destroyed and forced to accept Texas' Independence (April 1836)

# TEXAS JOINS THE UNITED STATES



- At end of war Texas becomes “Independent” Republic and begins negotiations with United States
  - Texas annexed by United States December 1845

# Mexican American War

- Mexico angered that United States annexes Texas
- War breaks out in Rio Grande area
  - US invades Mexico and overwhelms Mexicans forces
    - Eventually captures Mexico City





# Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

- Ended Mexican-American war on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1848
  - Mexico “sold” Northern Mexican lands to United States

