

Vocabulary Chapter 13

One Last Battle

1. blackguard
2. commodious
3. environs
4. mandate
5. prosaic
6. rancor
7. reticent
8. ruffian
9. sagacity
10. venerate(d)
11. vociferous
12. vouchsafe(d)

Questions Chapter Thirteen One Last Battle

1. How would British consul Charles Elliott have described the current capital of Texas?
2. What were Fisher's goals in his unauthorized invasion of Mexico?
3. Who ordered the decimation of Fisher's men at Hacienda Salado?
4. What were President Houston's main problems of state?
5. What internal problem did Houston hope to solve through annexation?
6. Why did the United States oppose annexation?
7. Which nation helped arrange an armistice between Texas and Mexico?
8. What did Lord Aberdeen's Diplomatic Act provide for that Texas needed?
9. What individual hindered the Diplomatic Act from being signed by Texas?
10. What nation was Andrew Jackson resisting in his "last battle" of the pen?
11. What issue dominated the U.S. presidential election of 1844?
12. Why did Jackson withdraw support from Van Buren?
13. When annexation was accomplished, who made the statement, "The republic of Texas is no more"?

Discussion/Essay:

1. Compare William Fisher's goals with Sam Houston's in regards to Mexico.

2. Describe Houston's course in pursuing annexation. What was his strategy? Did it work? Was it right to do as he did? Explain.

3. Why was Andrew Jackson so wary of Great Britain? How was the situation between the United States and Great Britain different from today's relationship?

4. Describe Sam Houston's spiritual state. In your opinion, what was hindering him? What would you have said to him?

5. Consider Noah Smithwick's reaction to the news of annexation and the account of the scene at the capitol. Were these Texans more patriotic in their feelings than Americans are today? If so, why might that be?

Chapter 13 Test One Last Battle Name _____

Matching

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| _____1. sagacity | A. penetrating intelligence |
| _____2. vociferous | B. ordinary |
| _____3. prosaic | C. loud; noisy |
| _____4. mandate | D. violent, lawless person |
| _____5. ruffian | E. command |
| | F. uncommunicative; reserved |

Multiple Choice

- _____1. What were William Fisher's goals in the unauthorized invasion of Mexico?
- A. fame and military advancement
 - B. obedience to principle and the commander in chief
 - C. adventure, spoils, and favor with Sam Houston
 - D. adventure, spoils, and influence
- _____2. The United States opposed the annexation of Texas because of
- A. the lawless riffraff who lived there
 - B. the slavery issue
 - C. both of these reasons
 - D. neither of these reasons
- _____3. What did Lord Aberdeen's Diplomatic Act provide for that Texas needed?
- A. money
 - B. peace with Mexico
 - C. help with the Comanches
 - D. mediation with the United States

