



The Treaty Today: How the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo Affects Me

Use this answer key for the student re-writes on the worksheet.

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#1: Universal peace between the U.S. and Mexico

#2: Appoint U.S. and Mexican commissioners to restore political, administrative, and judicial order between the two countries.

#3: Stop the blockade of Mexican ports. Keep records on imports and exports. U.S. troops to leave Mexico City within one month.

#4: Restore Mexican property seized during the War. U.S. troops to leave Mexico within three months but not during the sickly season. Prisoners of war to be returned to their perspective country.

#5: Boundary set in the middle (deepest channel) of the Rio Grande. Boundary details. Each country to appoint a Commissioner and Surveyor to mark the boundary which is to be respected by both countries. No change to be made without the free consent of both countries.

#6: U.S. citizens can travel in the Gulf of California and the Colorado River. Both the U.S. and Mexico must agree on any roads built on either side of the Gila River.

#7: The Gila River and the Rio Grande can be used by both U.S. and Mexican boats and people. Neither country can build anything to restrict use of these rivers without the consent of the other country.

#8: Mexicans living in former Mexican territory can continue to live there or move to Mexico and keep their property without being taxed. Mexicans who stay in the U.S. have one year to declare themselves as a U.S. or Mexican citizen. If they do not declare, they automatically become U.S. citizens.





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#9: Mexicans living in areas that belonged to Mexico but are now part of the U.S. who become U.S. citizens will have all rights of U.S. citizens, including liberty, property, and freedom of religion.

#11: The U.S. will control Native American tribes and help them find new homes. U.S. citizens may not buy Mexicans or Mexican property stolen by Native Americans. Mexicans rescued from Native Americans will be returned to Mexico.

#12: The U.S. will pay Mexico \$15 million, starting with \$3 million in gold or silver Mexican coins in Mexico City. The remaining \$12 million will be paid in installments.

#13: The U.S. will pay all Mexican debt.

#14: The U.S. will release Mexico from paying any debts owed to U.S. citizens.

#15: The U.S. is responsible for validating and paying debts owed from Mexico to U.S. citizens up to \$3.25 million.

#16: Each country has the right to protect any point within its own country for security.

#17: The 1831 Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation is good for eight years and can be renewed after eight years.

#18: Supplies for U.S. troops in Mexico will not be taxed.

#19: Rules on imports into Mexico during the U.S. occupation.





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#20: Rules on commerce.

#21: If there any disagreements between U.S. and Mexico to the Treaty or anything political or commercial, the two countries will settle the differences and preserve the state of peace and friendship. If they do not agree they will not go to war but appoint Commissioners to negotiate.

#22: If the two countries go to war, they will observe the following rules:

- o Merchants from one country living in the other may collect their debts and leave without any problems;
- o Women, children, and men who are not in the military will be left alone. Their houses and possession will also be left alone;
- o The military of the other country can buy goods from anyone in that country;
- o Churches, hospitals, schools, colleges, libraries, and charities will be respected;
- o Rules on POWs as according to established laws of war, including: Housing, Paroles, Escapees, Rations;
- o Each country will have a Commissary of prisoners;
- o Laws regarding prisoners must be sacredly observed.

#23: The Treaty will be ratified by the U.S. and Mexican President.

