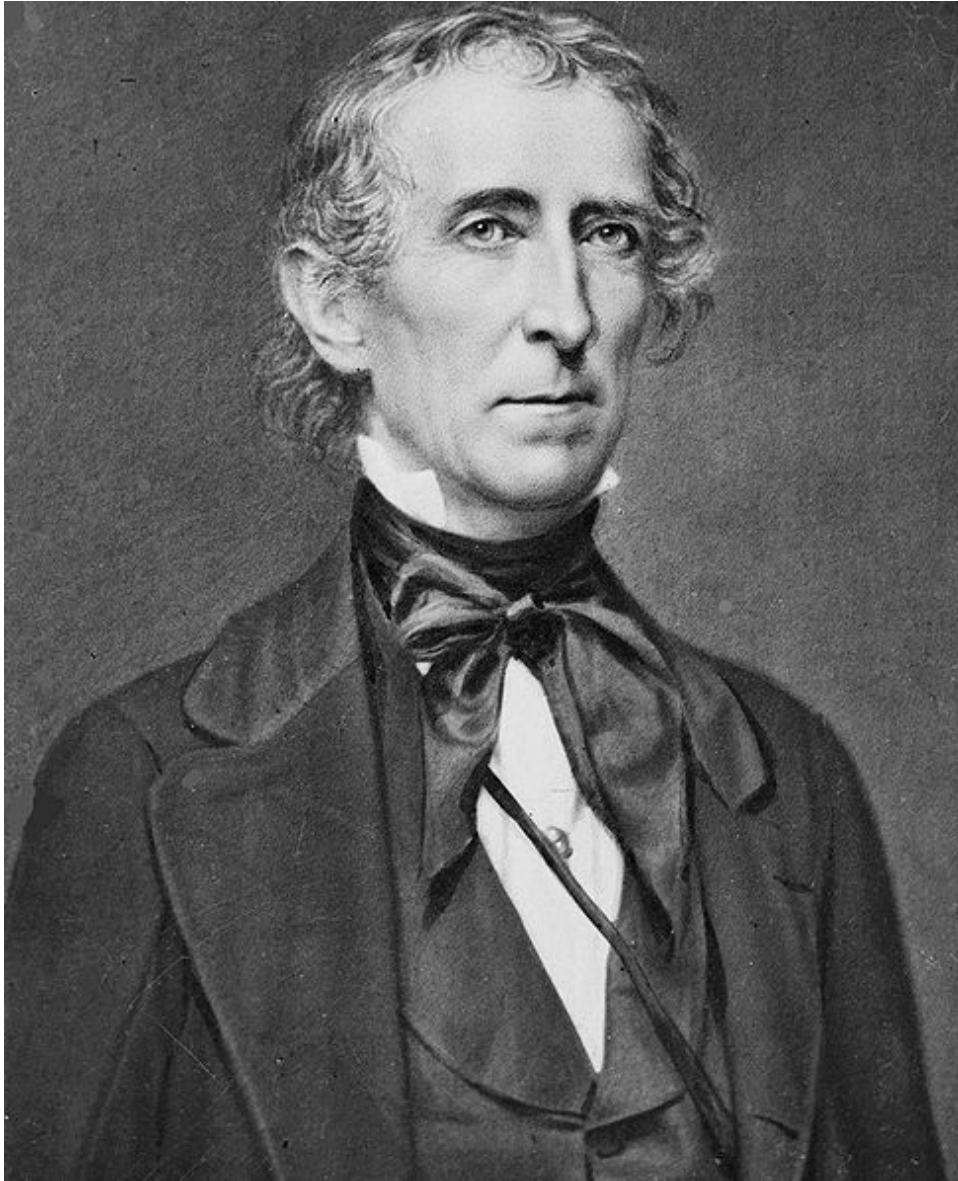




# **Manifest Destiny**

**1841-1848**

# “...Tyler too”



**Switched parties b/c he did not agree w/ Jackson personally**

**Belonged to minority (states rights faction) of the Whig party**

**Different from Clay-Webster:**

- **Passed bill to repeal Independent Treasury**
- **Vetoed bill to renew the National Bank**
- **Entire Cabinet (Whigs) resigned**

# “War” with England

**Fought primarily in the press (p 398 in text)**

## ***Caroline Incident***

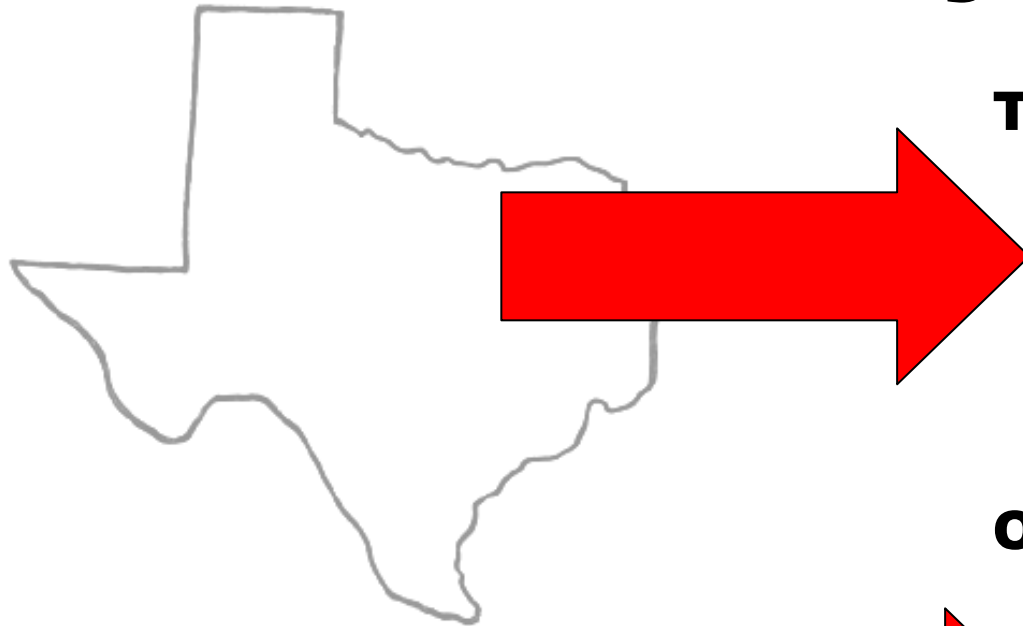
- **Rebellion in Canada**
- **Steamer carried supplies for insurgents was sunk by British. 1 American was killed.**
- **Stirred up anger at British.**

## **Aroostook War**

- **Lumberjack quarrel over disputed territory in Maine**
- **Resulted in hard Canada-ME border**

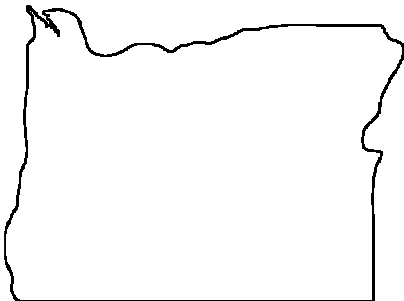


# Mandate for Manifest Destiny?



## **Texas:**

- **Tyler pushed Congress to add TX as 28<sup>th</sup> state**
- **Joint Resolution after election of 1844 during lame duck session**



## **Oregon:**

- **Ceded through treaty w/ Britain**
- **Compromise at 49<sup>th</sup> instead of fighting for the 54<sup>th</sup> parallel**
- **(War w/ Mexico)**

# Mexican-American War (Causes):

**“Can you show me the precise spot where American blood has been shed...”**



## **California:**

- **Proponents of Manifest Destiny wanted to control CA (Sea to shining Sea)**
- **Polk offered to buy CA from Mexico, but annexation of TX was a point of friction**
- **Polk sent John Slidell to offer \$25 million**

## **Texas:**

- **Border Dispute (Rio Grande v Nueces River)**
- **Taylor ordered into disputed territory**
- **Mexican forces attacked Taylor “American blood on American soil”**

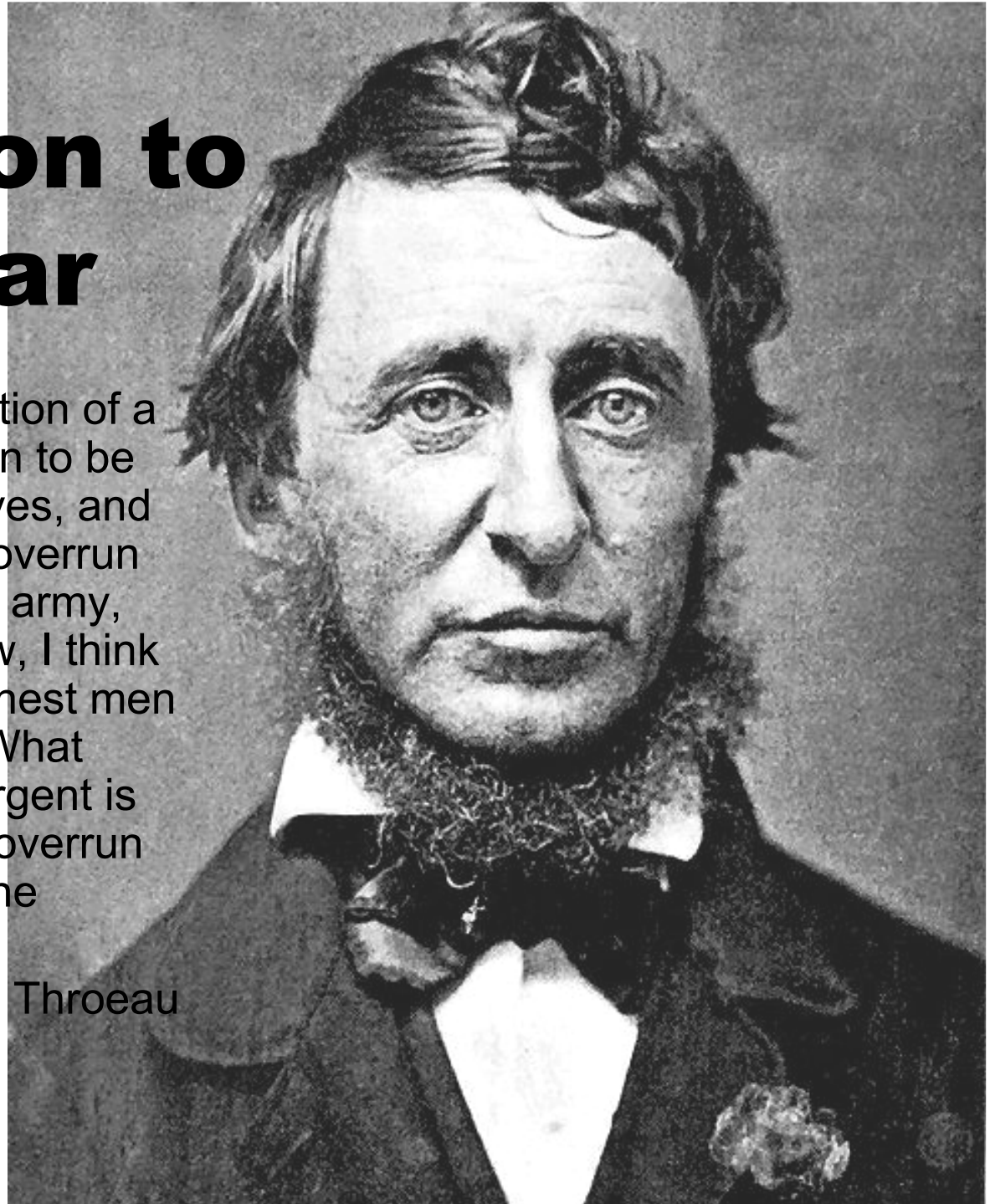
**April 25, 1846:**

**Congress declares war**

# Opposition to the War

“When a sixth of the population of a nation which has undertaken to be the refuge of liberty are slaves, and a whole country is unjustly overrun and conquered by a foreign army, and subjected to military law, I think that it is not too soon for honest men to rebel and revolutionize. What makes this duty the more urgent is the fact that the country so overrun is not our own, but ours is the invading army.”

-Henry David Thoreau



# Mexican American War



# Mexican-American War (Course):



**CA:**

**Fremont sent to CA in 1845**

**Bear Flag Revolt**

**Naval Action (Stockton)**

**Invasion (Kearny)**

**Mexico:**

**Taylor invades Mexico and  
defeats Santa Anna at Buena  
Vista (coup)**

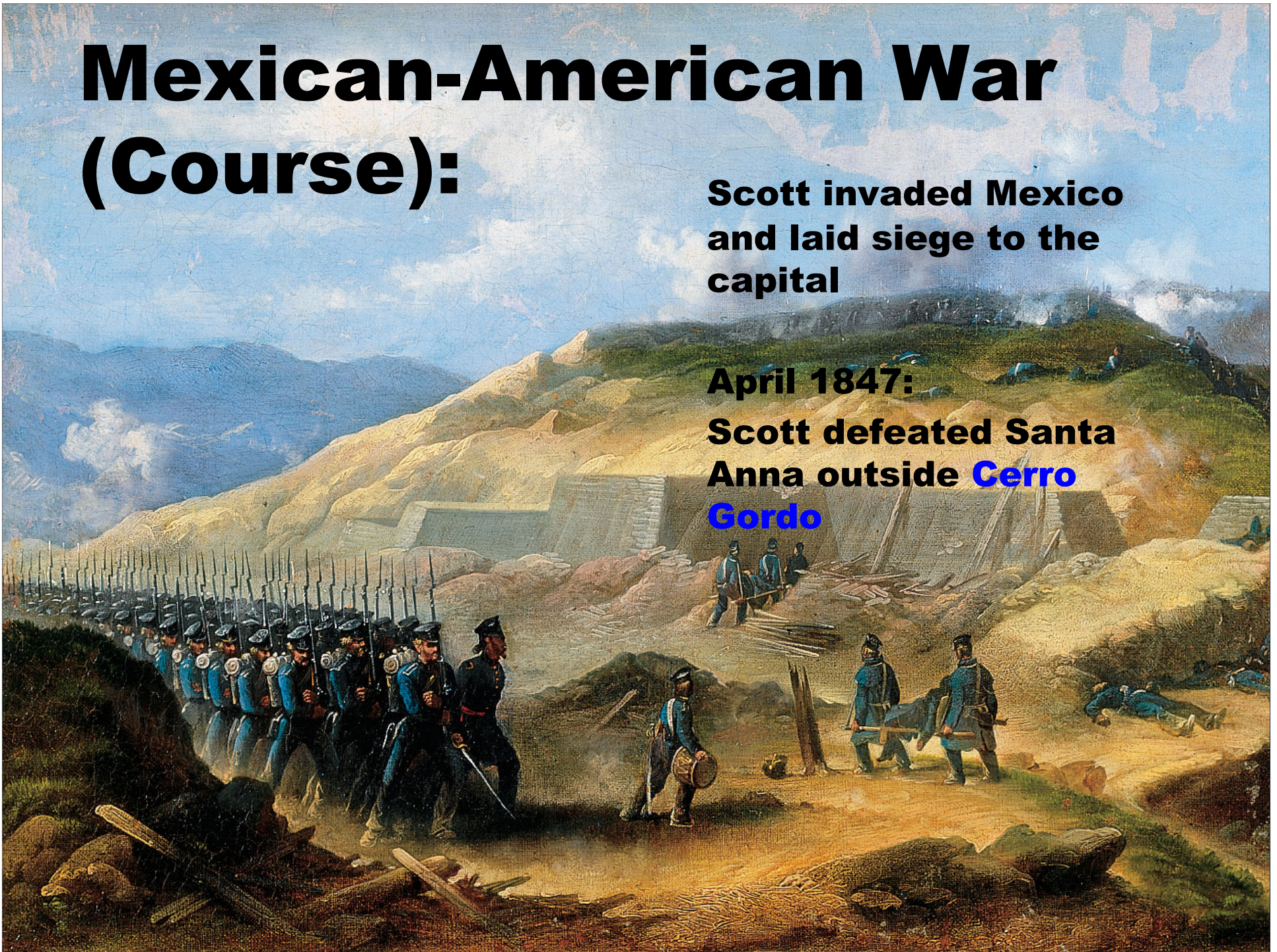




# Mexican-American War (Course):

**Scott invaded Mexico  
and laid siege to the  
capital**

**April 1847:  
Scott defeated Santa  
Anna outside **Cerro  
Gordo****



# Mexican-American War (Consequences):

**Respect Won:**

**Europe**

**Respect Lost:**

**South America**

**Treaty of Guadalupe-  
Hidalgo**

**Wilmot Proviso:**

- **Wilmot wanted to prevent spread of slavery into Mexican Cession**
- **Southern Dems fought bill successfully**
- **Symbol of anti-slavery campaign**

