



Timeline



Interesting Quote

Interesting Fact

Vocabulary Builder



Comprehension and Multiple Choice

(This section's questions correspond to the Guess or Mess episode. Play along!)

Circle the best answer or write the response on the line for each of the following questions.

1. While James Polk was president, which country did the United States go to war with?
 - a. Canada
 - b. Mexico
 - c. Russia
 - d. Cuba

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3. James Polk once held which governmental position that put him third in line to be president?
 - a. Supreme Court Justice
 - b. Secretary of State
 - c. Speaker of the House of Representatives
 - d. Vice President

4. What does it mean to be a "dark horse" candidate, like James Polk was when he ran for president?

5. Which American war hero became President of the United States and wanted his friend, James Polk, to be President after him?
 - a. John Adams
 - b. John Quincy Adams
 - c. Thomas Jefferson
 - d. Andrew Jackson

6. Which state was an independent nation before joining the United States while James Polk was president?

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| a. Texas | c. Arizona |
| b. California | d. New Mexico |

7. Name three American states that were fully or partially added to the United States after America's victory in the Mexican-American War.

8. After James Polk's presidency, which issue did Americans continue to argue about until the Civil War?

Patriot Pop Quiz | Bonus Points!

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 - b. The Hudson River
 - c. The Delaware River
 - d. The Ohio River
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James Polk | Answer Key

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He was often sick and weak as a child.
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He wasn't very well known and surprised everyone by winning.
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Arizona, Colorado, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming
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The British are coming!