

- ***Manifest Destiny***: Consider the individuals in these stories. What did U.S. expansion mean for them personally?
- After the Mexican-American War ended in 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo was signed? What did it guarantee?
- Significance of the missions
- Compare the experience of California and Texas with that of New Mexico. How was the experience of U.S. expansion different there? Where is Kansas in this story?
- When land transferred from the control of Mexico to the United States, there were certainly implications for the Mexican elite. If the Mexican elite suffered during expansion, what do you think was the implication for the mestizo and Indian communities?
- There is a Chicano (Mexican American) saying: "We didn't cross the border. The border crossed us." What does this mean and how does it relate to the narrative of this episode?
- *What is missing from this episode?*
- *Where is Kansas in this story? What do you know about Kansas colonial history?*