

Vocabulary: boundary, claim, declare, dispute

Word	Meaning	Synonym(s)
(límite)	A fixed line that separates one thing from another (e.g., a country, region, state, etc.)	
(demanda, reclamación)	Insist that something is correct without providing proof	
(declarar)	Announce something publicly or officially	
(dispute)	A disagreement or argument about something between two or more people/groups	

Examples of Use:

(fill in the blank with the appropriate vocabulary)

Texas _____ that the Rio Grande was the correct border between Texas and Mexico.

The United Nations is an organization that helps resolve international _____.

Mexico said that the Nueces River marked the _____ between Texas and Mexico.

The United States _____ war on terrorism after 9/11.

Comprehension:

Big Idea:	Balance of power
Key People:	
Key Places:	
Key Events:	
Video Question:	Which army was stronger and which country had more power?
Big Questions:	1. What were some of the causes of the Mexican War?
	2. Why was it so important to Mexico that the Nueces River, not the Rio Grande, be marked the border between Mexico and Texas (hint: think of balance of power)?

Review/Assessment:

Balance of Power

Factors affecting balance of power	Mexico	United States
<i>Battles won</i>		
<i>Morale of troops</i>		
<i>Financial situation</i>		
<i>Manpower</i>		

Therefore, the United States had _____ power compared to Mexico.
(more/less/the same)

Prediction: The balance of power might shift in favor of _____.
(the United States/Mexico)

Disputed Territory

