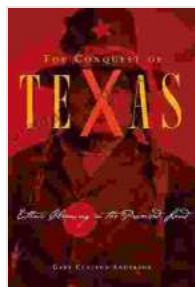


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In the aftermath of the revolution, Texas established an independent republic. However, the young nation faced numerous challenges, including economic instability and threats from neighboring Native American tribes.

In 1845, Texas formally requested annexation by the United States. The American government, eager to expand its territory and secure its southern border, agreed to incorporate Texas into the Union.

The annexation of Texas proved to be a controversial move that further strained relations between the United States and Mexico. It ultimately led to the outbreak of the Mexican-American War in 1846.

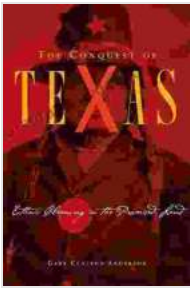
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The conquest of Texas had a profound impact on the history of both the United States and Mexico. It expanded the borders of the United States to its present continental limits and set the stage for further westward expansion.

In Texas, the annexation ushered in a period of rapid growth and development. The state's population boomed, and its economy flourished on the strength of its vast natural resources.

However, the conquest of Texas also left behind a legacy of conflict and unresolved tensions. The Mexican-American War, which was largely fought over the issue of Texas annexation, resulted in the loss of Mexican territory and the deaths of countless people.

Today, the story of the conquest of Texas continues to resonate. It is a tale of ambition, courage, and the birth of a nation that has shaped the course of American history.



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