**The Settling of the Hispanic Southwest : A play**

Due Wednesday: November 28

Assignment:

To fulfill its Manifest Destiny, America must acquire territory stretching from coast to coast. This will prove problematic, however, when conflicts with Mexico leave settlers arguing over territory that is not technically theirs to begin with.

Today you will be reenacting this controversy in a series of short plays. Your group will be responsible for presenting a portion of the story line. It is critical that you make sure the audience understands the historical content and that you make it entertaining. You can make your portion dramatic, comedic, or romantic. It does not matter.

Requirements:

Every person in your group must participate, meaning in word **and** action. This means everyone needs at least one line in the play, even if it isn’t a big one.

You must write a script which you will use to practice with, however, you cannot use it in the reenactment. The information is brief enough that you should memorize it. Your script will be turned in for points.

Your skit must be at least 2 minutes in length, not to exceed 4 minutes.

You may (and should) bring props/costumes from home. I will not provide any.

Every actor must have a name tag or sign to help the audience follow the plot more accurately.

Each of the key points listed on your “information sheet” must be covered somehow.

Remember, the more fun you have with this, the better. I want drama, theatrics, and effort.

\*\*\*I understand that this will not be the level of a Hollywood production due to the lack of preparation time. I do expect that you use the time given to make your portion of the play as professional as possible. Some scenes will require more creativity on your part than others.

Scene 1: Texans move on in

Scene 2: Mexicans think twice

Scene 3: Catholic mission of death

Scene 4: Sleeping not so soundly

Scene 5: Drawing lines

Scene 6: Domination, no breathing.

**\*YOU WILL BE GRADED BASED ON YOUR TURNED IN SCRIPT AS WELL AS THE EFFORT YOU PUT INTO YOUR PRESENTATION.\***