

**Pre-writing Organizer  
and Final Writing Directions**

**Name:**  
**Period:**

**Essential Question:**

Was the United States Justified in Going to War with Mexico?

**Requirements**

- Five paragraphs; minimum seven sentences each
  - Paragraph 1: Introduction with background history and state your opinion; which answers the Essential Question
  - Paragraph 2: A piece of evidence from 100 point packet
  - Paragraph 3: A piece of evidence from 100 point packet
  - Paragraph 4: A piece of evidence from 100 point packet
  - Paragraph 5: Conclusion, restate your opinion and the three pieces of evidence you used to support it.
- Complete the pre-writing activities in this worksheet
- Staple your final writing behind this packet

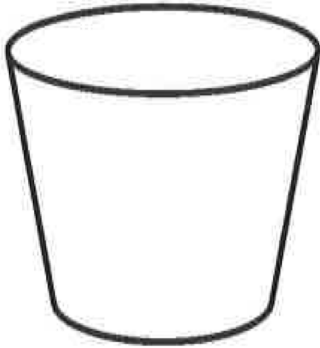
**Points Rubric**

Pre-writing Organizer and Final Writing Directions	/20
Final Writing of 5 Paragraphs	/80
Bonus: Type Paper	/10
Bonus: Use all seven suggested vocab and underline/highlight	/10
<b>TOTAL</b>	

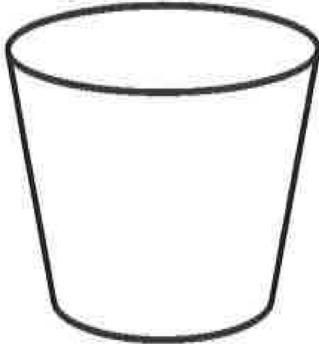
## Preparing to Write – Organizing Your Thoughts

1. This paper asks the Essential Question

### The Yes Opinion



### The No Opinion



2. What do you believe? Was the United States Justified?

### Suggested Vocabulary

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Manifest Destiny    | 5. annex or annexation |
| 2. Providence          | 6. cession or cede     |
| 3. economic incentives | 7. provoke             |
| 4. dispute             |                        |

## **Organization**

Introduction	
Evidence paragraph	
Evidence paragraph	
Evidence paragraph	
Conclusion; summarize your opinion with three different evidence paragraphs	

## **Helpful Sentence Starters**

### **Sentence Starter Ideas**

#### **Introduction:**

The war in 1846 between the United States and Mexico can be traced back to . . .

The Mexicans and Americans had numerous differences, such as . . .

The border with Texas and Mexico . . .

Eventually, war started when . . .

This raises the question . . .

Personally, it is my opinion that the United States was . . .

#### **Evidence Paragraphs:**

A piece of evidence to support my opinion comes from . . .

Another piece of evidence . . .

A helpful source to understand the question is . . .

This source shows . . .

Reading this document informs the reader that . . .

#### **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, there are numerous documents that . . .

Looking at the evidence, the United States was . . .

The Mexican-American war still . . .

It is my opinion that . .