

Sul Ross State University

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MAS 4309: Senior Research Project: Mexican American Resistance to Anglo Domination in the Southwest

In this Senior Project, you are going to read about the coming of Anglos to territory that used to belong to Mexico and that now became part of the United States after the Texas Revolution in 1836 and the Mexican War in 1848. These events provoked a reaccommodation in many orders: political, financial, racial, etc. Anglos came and tried to gain control of conquered territory. Some Mexicans engaged in acts of resistance. You are going to read about Juan Nepomuceno Cortina and Gregorio Cortes of South Texas and The Gorras Blancas (the White Caps) from New Mexico.

Required books:

Cortina: Defending the Mexican Name in Texas by Jerry D. Thompson

Mexicano Resistance in the Southwest. "The Sacred Right of Self-Preservation" by Robert J. Rosenbaum

With His Pistol in His Hand by Americo Paredes

Course evaluation:

You will write a short paper after reading each book. Each book is approximately 33% of your total grade. Please follow MLA guidelines when writing your paper.

First paper due on September 30

Second paper due on November 3

Third paper due December 1