Zinn Reader Chapter 8: *We Take Nothing by Conquest, Thank God*

**Part 1:** Points of Interest: Below, record the 10 most interesting ideas, facts, quotes, etc. These will be used for Friday’s discussion.

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**Part 2:** Short Answer Questions: Below, answer the following 4 questions. Look for these as you read. These will also be discussed on Friday.

1. Describe Colonel Ethan Allen Hitchcock’s ideas and actions during the war: (pp. 113, 123)

2. How did General Taylor and President Polk start the Mexican-American War?

3. How did the American government get thousands of military volunteers? (pg. 120)

4. Why did so many soldiers desert from the American military during the war?

**For Students Absent Friday**: If you are absent Friday and miss the discussion, you must also complete the following questions and summary by the next class.

1. Summarize the steps it took to get America to invade Mexico: (pp. 113-114)

2. Why were abolitionists against the Mexican-American War? (pg. 117)

3. What was the San Patricio? (pg. 119)

4. What violent actions did the American government take against Mexicans during the war? (121-124)

5. What did the newspaper *The Whig Intelligencer* mean when they said “We take nothing by conquest, Thank God?”