

The Kingdom of Texas



**A Study Guide for
Teachers, Parents and
Students**

What does being a Texan mean to you?



Official State Seal

All over Texas you can find people with the Texas Flag raised in their front yard or bumper stickers that say “Don’t Mess with Texas.” We Texans take pride in our great state. Did you ever stop and wonder why? What makes Texas so different than any other state? Why do you love living in Texas so much? Write a short paragraph about what being a Texan means to you.

Fun Facts:

#1. The first cowboys in Texas were Spanish and Indian *vaqueros* who rode horses and worked with cattle in south Texas missions. Mission Espíritu Santo was the **first great cattle ranch** in Texas with more than 40,000 head of livestock! At this mission the Spanish *vaqueros* taught the Indians to ride, rope, and brand cattle. Saddles, chaps, ropes, lassos, spurs, bandanas, and the rodeo (round-up)—comes from Spanish *vaquero* traditions that developed at south Texas missions and at family ranches along the Rio Grande.

#2. A buffalo is a cow-like animal with a dark shaggy hide and short curved horns; also called **bison**. Millions of buffalo once roamed the Great Plains in the central part of North America. When white settlers moved into the area, hide-hunters used powerful rifles to kill thousands and thousands of buffalo. Within a few years, almost all the buffalo were gone (and in danger of becoming extinct Today, the buffalo are becoming numerous again. Did you know that the bison (or buffalo) is the biggest land animal in North America? They can weigh more than 2,000 pounds—that's as much as a car!

#3. European explorers mistakenly used the word “Indian” for the native people living in North and South America. The explorers thought they had found India. But the mistake stuck and now the term Indian means "Native American." Some Native Americans do not like the term "Indian." Most Indians or Native Americans actually prefer to be known by their tribal name such as Caddo or Comanche.

Symbols Of Texas



Official State flower –
The Bluebonnet



Official State bird –
The Mockingbird

Texas Our Texas

The **official state song** of Texas, was adopted by the Legislature in 1929 after being selected in a state-wide competition. It was composed by William J. Marsh of Fort Worth. The lyrics were written by Marsh and Gladys Yoakum Wright.

Texas, Our Texas!
All hail the mighty state!
Texas, Our Texas
So wonderful so great!
Boldest and Grandest,
Withstanding Ev'ry Test.
O Empire wide and glorious,
You stand supremely blessed.

God Bless you Texas!
And keep you brave and strong.
That you may grow in power and worth,
Throughout the ages long.

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And keep you brave and strong.
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Vocabulary!!!

Increase your vocabulary. Fill in the blanks. See how many of these words you know. (Hint: I bet these words are used in your History books)

Word Bank:

Extinct
Archeology
Geology
Chronology
Artifact
Hypothesis
Culture



_____ - Scientific study of the human past through the things left behind by humans, including artifacts, remains of shelters or buildings, campsites, cooking areas, and other traces.

_____ - Something made or used by a person in the past, such as tools, containers, and weapons, as well as the bits and pieces (debris) left over from making these things. Archeologists can learn a lot from these things.

_____ - A system used to organize events and other information in time, from earliest to latest, in a time line.

_____ - Knowledge about life and traditions that we learn from our parents, friends, and community that are passed on to our children (and then their children).

_____ - Usually refers to types of animals or plants that have died out. In North America, many large mammals died at the end of the last Ice Age about 12,000 to 14,000 years ago.

_____ - The scientific study of the history and structure of the earth and its rocks and minerals. Archeologists use these methods and techniques to learn about the sites and environment in which ancient people lived.

_____ - An educated guess used as a trial explanation. Archeologists hardly ever know anything for sure. Instead, they just try to make really intelligent guesses about things that happened a very long time ago—long before they were alive. So instead of making a wild guess, the archeologist is using knowledge and training to help make an educated or "smart" guess.

Famous Texans

Can you complete the famous Texans challenge?

A lot of people contributed to making our great state what it is today. Believe it or not there are some we don't get to learn about. Where do you think you can find out more information about the Texans you don't know? Could you look them up at the library? (If you use the Internet, don't forget to ask an adult for permission)

MATCH the famous Texans with their great accomplishments.

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| 1) MISS CLARA DRISCOLL | 22) BEN MILAM, JIM BOWIE, AND DAVY CROCKETT |
| 2) RANCHER JOSEPH GLIDDEN | 23) MOSES ROSE |
| 3) KATHERINE STINSON | 24) SAM HOUSTON |
| 4) CHESTER NIMITZ | 25) ANSON JONES |
| 5) SATANTA | 26) ALVIN AILEY |
| 6) JOSÉ ANTONIO NAVARRO | 27) TOMMY TUNE |
| 7) TABITHA SOREN | 28) HENRY CISNEROS |
| 8) MIRIAM FERGUSON | 29) ANN RICHARDS |
| 9) MARY BRACKENRIDGE | 30) MIRABEAU LAMAR |
| 10) SALLY RIDE | 31) LORENZO DE ZAVALA |
| 11) SPANKY MCFARLAND | 32) CLETO RODRÍGUEZ |
| 12) BONNIE AND CLYDE | 33) GAIL BORDEN |
| 13) MICHAEL JOHNSON | 34) QUANAH PARKER |
| 14) JESSE CHISHOLM | 35) ERASTUS SMITH |
| 15) NAOMI NYE | 36) GREENBURY LOGAN |
| 16) JANIS JOPLIN | 37) ILA LOESTCHER |
| 17) DAN RATHER | 38) LADY BIRD |
| 18) SCOTT JOPLIN | 39) LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND DWIGHT EISENHOWER |
| 19) WILLIE NELSON | 40) STEPHEN F. AUSTIN |
| 20) HOWARD HUGHES | 41) ISAMU TANIGUCHI |
| 21) TOMMY LEE JONES | 42) LANCE ARMSTRONG |

ANSWER BANK:

- a) King of Ragtime
- b) Former mayor of San Antonio; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- c) 4th woman in U.S. to receive a pilot's license, 1st to loop the loop, world's most famous lady pilot
- d) Made the Chisolm Trail
- e) Academy award winning actor and director; "The Fugitive"
- f) Invented barbed wire
- g) Last president of the Republic of Texas
- h) Designed the Japanese Botanical Garden in Austin
- i) First Indian chief to be tried for murder in a court of law
- j) Invented condensed milk
- k) Broadway star
- l) A notorious pair of outlaws during the Great Depression
- m) Starred in "The Little Rascals"
- n) Wife of Lyndon B. Johnson ; advocate for beautification of cities
- o) The Father of Texas Education
- p) Five-time Olympic gold medal winner for running
- q) Founder of the Native American Church Movement
- r) Women's rights activist
- s) U.S. Presidents
- t) A senator with a county named after him
- u) Singer/songwriter, female rocker, one of the 50 greatest artists of all-time
- v) A female aviation pioneer and noted advocate for the care and preservation of sea turtles
- w) San Antonio's most celebrated poetess
- x) Awarded Medal of Honor for an attack on the Japanese during

WWII

- y) Aviator/film producer, one of the wealthiest people in the world
- z) African-American soldier who fought in Texas Revolution; former slave
- aa) First American woman in space
- bb) Frontiersman and Texas Ranger
- cc) The only defender who refused to fight in the Battle of the Alamo
- dd) The Father of Texas
- ee) CBS Evening News Anchor
- ff) First female governor, fought the KKK
- gg) African-American modern dancer and choreographer
- hh) Texas Revolutionaries; fought and died at the Battle of the Alamo
- ii) On MTV News
- jj) Won Tour de France seven consecutive times
- kk) Commander in chief of pacific forces during WW2
- ll) First president of the Republic of Texas
- mm) Singer/songwriter, known for “outlaw country” music
- nn) Second female governor of Texas ; instituted Texas Lottery to help finance Texas education
- oo) Put up thousands of dollars to prevent the sale of the Alamo to a hotel firm
- pp) Peace Commissioner to Mexico after the Battle of San Jacinto

Language Arts:

1. What is a metaphor?
2. What are some of the metaphors you remember from the play?

Post Show Discussion Questions

How is a Tall Tale different than a regular story?

What are some ways the Tall Tales in the play exaggerated the truth? Have you ever exaggerated the truth to make a story more interesting?

Do you ever have problems studying history? Why?

How are some ways we can make history fun?

Recreate a historical event in your classroom and come up with clever ways to help you remember facts and dates.

ANSWER KEY for Famous Texans matching game:

1) oo, 2) f, 3) c, 4) kk, 5) i, 6) t, 7) ii, 8) ff, 9) r, 10) aa, 11) m, 12) l, 13) p, 14) d, 15) w, 16) u, 17) ee, 18) a, 19) mm, 20) y, 21) e, 22) hh, 23) cc, 24) ll, 25) g, 26) gg, 27) k, 28) b, 29) nn, 30) o, 31) pp, 32) x, 33) j, 34) q, 35) bb, 36) z, 37) v, 38) n, 39) s, 40) dd, 41) h, 42) jj

Website about Texas History

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