



# ONLINE JOURNAL TEACHER GUIDE

## La Belle

1. Where was the La Belle ship found? **Matagorda Bay**
2. What was the original destination for the voyage? **Mississippi River**
3. Who was the captain of the voyage? **La Salle**
4. What was your favorite artifact? **Answers will vary.**

## Stephen F. Austin's Jail Cell

1. Where was Stephen F. Austin imprisoned? **Mexico City**
2. Why was he arrested? **He was arrested for treason.**
3. What is one primary source document you saw in the jail cell? **Stephen F. Austin's letter**

## Come and Take It

1. The Mexican government demanded that the settlers return the cannon to the government. Instead, the settlers place a **Come & Take It** flag above the cannon.
2. This action started the first battle of the Texas Revolution, called the Battle of **Gonzalez**.
3. Did the Texans win or lose this battle? **Win**

## Rag Tag Army

The Mexican soldiers wore uniforms and were trained. The Texans wore normal clothes and were untrained.

## Runaway Scrape

1. If you had to flee your home in a hurry, what three items would you take with you?  
**Answers will vary.**
2. Why did some settlers burn their homes? **So the Mexican Army could not use their home or anything left behind.**

## Battle of the Alamo

1. Do you think it was difficult for Juan Seguin to choose sides during the Texas Revolution? Why or why not? **Answers will vary.**
2. Did the Texans win or lose the Battle of the Alamo? **Lose**
3. Name three famous Texans who died at the Battle of the Alamo. **Davy Crockett, William B. Travis and James Bowie**

## Texas Independence

1. In what battle did Texans win its independence? **Battle of San Jacinto**
2. Who was the commander of the Texas Army during this battle? **Sam Houston**
3. Who was the commander of the Mexican Army during this battle? **Santa Anna**
4. In what current day city did the battle take place? **Houston**
5. Did the Texans win or lose this battle? **Win**

## Lamar/Houston Debate

1. Who was for Texas remaining independent? **Mirabeau Lamar**
2. Who was for Texas becoming part of the United States? **Sam Houston**
3. What do you think it would be like if Texas was its own country? **Answers will vary.**

## Cattle Drives

1. What are some of the pros and cons of the cattle drive? **Pros – cattle drives brought in a lot of money. People in the North benefited from the cattle drives since they did not have as many cattle. Cons – It was hard work and the cowboys made little money.**

## Barbed Wire

1. What changed ranching forever and caused the Texas Legislature to pass a new law in 1884? **Barbed wire**
2. If you were a cowboy, how would you feel about this new law? **Answers will vary.**
3. If you were a rancher, how would you feel about this new law? **Answers will vary.**

## Boomtowns

1. What is a boomtown? **A town that springs up quickly.**
2. What caused boomtowns in Texas? **Oil**
3. What is an oilfield worked called? **Roughneck**

## Texas Contributions to Technology

1. Where is the Johnson Space Center located? **Houston**
2. What was the first word spoken from the moon? **Houston**
3. Name something that contains a microchip. **Answers could include: phone, computer, camera, TV, and car.**

## The Texas Capitol

1. What branch of government meets in the State Capitol? Legislative Branch
2. There are two chambers in the State Capitol for each house to gather. What are the names of the two houses of the Texas Legislature? Senate and House of Representatives
3. What is the main function of the Texas Legislature? To make laws.
4. Give an example of a state law. Answers will vary.
5. Where else can you find a capitol building? In every state and in our nation's capitol.

## Government Officials

United States

President: **Donald Trump**

Vice President: **Mike Pence**

House of Representatives: 435 members

Senate: **100 members**

Texas

Governor: **Greg Abbott**

Lieutenant Governor: **Dan Patrick**

House of Representatives: **150 members**

Senate: **31 members**

## Goddess of Liberty

1. What materials were used to make the original Goddess of Liberty? **Iron and zinc**
2. What materials were used to make the second version? **Aluminum alloy**
3. Why was the original removed from the top of the Capitol? **It was cracking the dome.**