



Online Journal Teacher Guide

Texas State Capitol

1. What branch of government meets in the State Capitol? **The 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? **The House of Representatives and The Senate**
3. What is the main function of the Texas Legislature? **To make laws**
4. Give an example of a state law. **Ex: speed limits, etc...**
5. Where else can you find a capitol building? **Each state's Capitol city, Washington D.C.**

The United States Government

Executive Branch:

- President- **Donald Trump**
- Vice-President- **Mike Pence**

Legislative Branch:

- House of Representatives- **435 members**
- Senate- **100 members**

The Texas Government

Executive Branch:

- Governor- **Greg Abbott**
- Lieutenant Governor- **Dan Patrick**

Legislative Branch:

- House of Representative- **150 members**
- Senate- **31 members**

The Goddess of Liberty

1. What materials were used to make the original Goddess of Liberty? **Zinc and Iron**
2. What material was used to make the second version? **Aluminum Alloy**
3. Why was the original removed from the top of the Capitol? **It was too heavy and began to crack the dome.**

Missions

1. What was the purpose of a mission? **To Christianize the Native Americans**
2. Which explorers came to Texas and settled missions in order to colonize Texas? **The Spanish**

The Alamo

1. Why did this mission make a good fort? **It covered a large area, was walled, and held a hospital and food storage....**
2. How long did the Siege on the Alamo last? **13 days**
3. Did Texas win or lose the Battle of the Alamo? **Lost**
4. Name three famous Texans who died at the Battle of the Alamo. **William B. Travis, James Bowie, Davey Crocket....**

Spanish Explorers

1. Spanish explorers are called **conquistadors**.
2. They came to America searching for three things. What are these three things? **God, Gold, and Glory**
3. Conquistadors are credited with bringing **chain-mail** and **horses** to the New World.
4. Name the explorer who set out to conquer the Aztecs. **Cortez**
5. Name the explorer who landed off the Texas coast while travelling from Florida. **Cabeza de Vaca**
6. Name the explorer who led the expedition that discovered the Grand Canyon while searching for the Seven Cities of Gold. **Coronado**

Native American Tribes

- Great Plains: **Lipan Apache**
- Central Plains: **Comanche**
- Coastal Plains: **Caddo, Tonkawa, Karankawa**
- Mountains and Basins: **Jumano**

Gone to Texas

1. What was the name given to the first settlers of Texas? **The Old 300**
2. What is Stephen F. Austin's nickname? **The Father of Texas**
3. What can you buy for \$1.25 today? **Answers will vary**
4. What does "GTT" stand for? **Gone to Texas**

Stephen F. Austin's Prison Cell

1. Where was Stephen F. Austin imprisoned? **Mexico City**
2. Why was he arrested? **He was charged with treason.**

Come and Take It!

1. The Mexican government demanded that the settlers return the cannon to the government. Instead, the settlers place a "**Come and 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

Why do you think the Texas army was nicknamed the "Rag Tag Army"? **The Mexican soldiers had traditional soldier uniforms, while the Texans had to wear whatever clothes they already had.**

Battle of the Alamo

1. Name the two commanders of the Texas Army at the Battle of the Alamo. **James Bowie and William B. Travis**
2. The original purpose of the Alamo was to serve as a **mission**.
3. What were the famous words William B. Travis wrote in his letter? **“Victory or Death”**

Battle of San Jacinto

1. Who was the commander of the Texas Army? **Sam Houston**
2. Who was the commander of the Mexican Army? **Santa Anna**
3. In what current-day city did the battle take place? **Houston**
4. How long did the battle last? **18 minutes**
5. Did Texans win or lose this battle? **Win**