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American History/Geography

Getting to know the physical features of Texas and understanding the Texas Revolution

Grades 5-12

Objectives: Mapping Texas and the Texas Revolution

Resources needed: A good map of Texas or internet site and a blank map of Texas.

Modify the lesson as needed for your classroom.

Label and draw in the following locations in Texas. Create a key as needed and use colored pencils to label and draw in the various locations.

Rivers (Use Blue)

Rio Grande River

Pecos River

Nueces River

San Antonio River

Guadalupe River

Colorado River

Brazos River

Trinity River

Neches River

Sabine River

Red River

Other Bodies of Water (Use Blue)

Gulf of Mexico

Plains (Use Green)

Great Plains

Costal Plains

Plateau (Use Brown)

Edwards Plateau

Major cities during the Texas Revolt/Revolution (But a black dot on the location and label the city on the map)

San Antonio

Gonzales

Goliad

Austin

Refugio

Washington, Texas or also known as Washington-on-the-Brazos

Velasco

Galveston

Battle/Massacre Sites (Use Red Xs for Mexican victories and Blue X for Texan victories)

Put a blue x next to Gonzales

Put a red x next to San Antonio and label it the Alamo

Put a red x next to Refugio. From the "x" draw a red line to Goliad

Put a red x next to Goliad and label it the Goliad Massacre

Using your atlas as key put a blue x just to the right of the modern city of Houston label it the Battle of San Jacinto

Closure:

In what direction was the Mexican Army advancing when it first invaded Texas?

How might have the many rivers in Texas slowed or stopped an advancing army?

What army looked like it was winning the war early on? (Mexican or Texan) Why?

Why do you think the Battle of San Jacinto was so important?