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American History
Understanding the Battle of San Jacinto
Grades 5-12

Objectives: Students will take role of an international reporter and will write a newspaper article about the events at the Battle of San Jacinto. Modify the assignment as needed for students.

Students will read the following resources and take key notes about what happened at the Battle of San Jacinto and why it was an important event.

Resources needed: Using the following websites

<http://www.texasbob.com/texdoc15.html> (Houston's Official Report April 25, 1836)

<http://www.texasbob.com/texdoc16.html> (Written by a colonel on Santa Anna's staff, Pedro Delgado in 1837)

Optional resource: Mr. Lemuel O. Swearingen letter/eyewitness account of the Battle of Jacinto

Think like a reporter covering a news story. Notes should include the following:

Key facts! What is important?

What happened?

When did it happen?

Who took part in it?

How and why did it happen?

What was the impact of the event?

Write a report about the Battle of San Jacinto that is least 1/2 page, but no more than one page. The newspaper article must include factual information about the Battle of San Jacinto. To make the newspaper article more interesting the report must include a brief interview of Sam Houston or Santa Anna.

To help write your newspaper article think back to the letters you read about the Battle of San Jacinto and the information you learned about the battle in the classroom.

Your article needs to typed or written in ink.

Your article needs to be proofread and free from grammar errors.

Your article will be worth 20 points