

## **Cultures Converge in Texas**

The purpose of these lessons is for students to explore and appreciate the Anglo and Spanish cultures that mixed to form a culture present today in many parts of the United States. Texas is a study of how these cultures met, combined, and are part of today's American culture.

Illinois State goals:

- #14B. Identify and compare the basic political systems of the United States and other nations.
- #14C. Compare historical issues involving rights, roles and status of individuals in relation to municipalities, states and the nation.
- #16A. Make inferences about historical events and eras using historical maps and other historical sources.
- #16B. Identify political ideas that have dominated United States historical eras.
- #17A. Use maps and other geographic instruments and technologies to analyze spatial patterns and distributions on earth.
- #18A. Analyze the influence of cultural factors including customs, traditions, language, media, art and architecture in developing pluralistic societies.
- #18C. Analyze major cultural exchanges of the past.

Day 1: Examination of Culture:

Students will review different aspects of culture (from previous lessons).

Points of comparison:

language ; government; religion; housing, food, clothing, family.

Power-point will present different aspects of culture found in Texas.

Students will fill in the Venn Diagram comparing Anglo and Spanish-Mexican culture.

Materials: Venn Diagram and Culture Visuals

Day 2: Geography activities.

Historical Perspectives: Spanish and American Culture.

Outline and worksheets included as

