

CISD Grade 7 SS Benchmark 2013.2014 REVISED

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1	<p>Events</p> <p>A. Sam Houston becomes president of Texas.</p> <p>B. Texas is affected by the Great Depression.</p> <p>C. Spanish explorers come to Texas.</p> <p>D. Texas enters the Civil War as a Confederate state.</p> <p>E. Stephen F. Austin establishes a colony in Texas.</p>
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In which order did the events shown above occur?

- A** C, E, A, D, B
- B** B, C, A, E, D
- C** A, B, C, D, E
- D** E, A, B, C, D

2	<p>CAUSEEFFECTS</p> <p>– created the first constitutional government in Texas</p> <p>– gave Texas certain rights</p> <p>– Santa Anna ignored these rights</p> <p>– led to war and Texas independence</p>
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Which of the following BEST completes the chart?

- F** Texas State Constitution
- G** Mexican Federal Constitution of 1824
- H** Constitution of the United States
- J** Constitution of the Republic of Texas

Short Biography of Sam Houston

During the War of 1812, Sam Houston served with Andrew Jackson in battles against the British. After the war, Jackson became President of the United States and continued to support Houston as he ran for several political offices. Houston also began to study law and was soon elected the district attorney in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1823, he was elected to Congress and in 1827, he was elected governor of Tennessee.

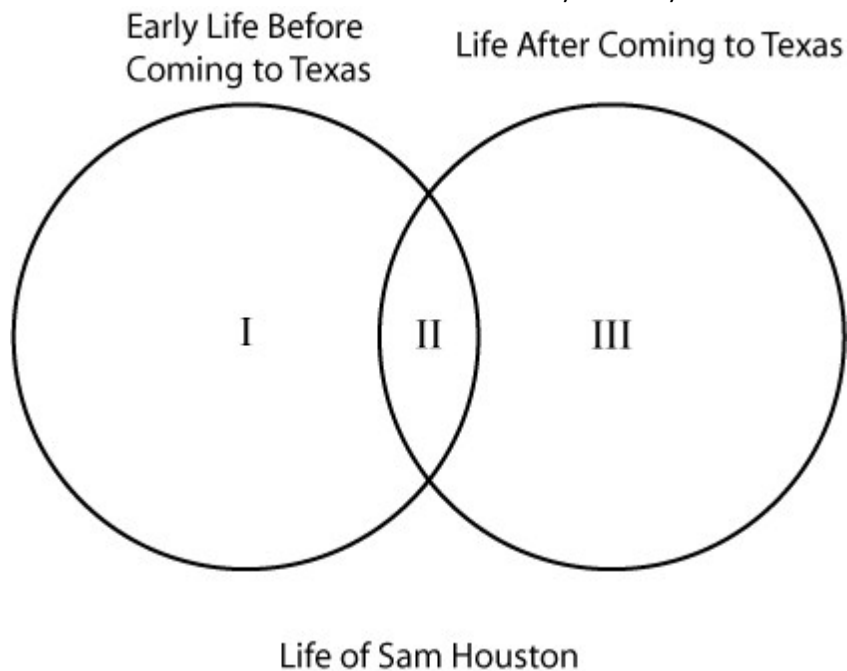
Two years later, Houston and his wife separated. There were rumors that she was in love with another and of his alcoholism. In the middle of his term, he left for the southwest. Stories continued about his alcoholism.

By 1833 Houston was living in Texas for at least part of the year and seems to have established a permanent residence in Nacogdoches, near the Louisiana border. With the outbreak of the Texas Revolution, Houston was quickly given command of the ragtag Texas Army. Keenly aware that he was heavily outnumbered, he kept up a retreat from the Mexican army for over a month, despite being criticized by his peers and other leaders. Again there were rumors of alcoholism. Finally, when the Mexican general Santa Anna split his forces in April, Houston ordered the attack at San Jacinto that gained Texas its independence.

The newly independent Lone Star Republic made Houston its first President, and he filled the office again in 1841. As President, he secured United States recognition of Texas and stabilized the republic's finances.

When Texas gained statehood, Houston continued his political career as a United States Senator, serving until 1860. He was also elected governor of Texas, a feat that has rarely been repeated - serving as a president first and then a governor. Houston left the governorship when his view on the Civil War differed greatly with many Texans.

Houston died on his farm in Huntsville, Texas, in 1863.



Which of the following does **NOT** belong in Section II?

- A** governor
- B** President
- C** military leader
- D** U. S. Congress

- 4 "The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and possessions, from all unreasonable seizures or searches, and no warrant to search any place, or to seize any person or thing, shall issue without describing them as near as may be, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation."

- Texas State Constitution

What is the **MAIN** idea of this excerpt from the Texas State Constitution?

- F** Searching homes and property is illegal.
- G** Citizens may seize the property of others.
- H** Authorities must have a good reason to search property.
- J** Searching homes and property is common.

5 **Eras in Texas History**

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| 1. Age of Contact |
| 2. Colonization |
| 3. Revolution |
| 4. Civil War |

Events

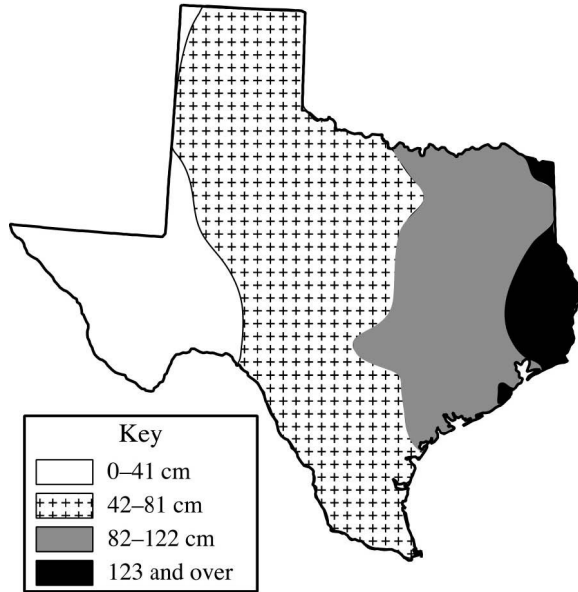
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| A. Spanish government grants land to Moses Austin |
| B. Battle of Sabine Pass |
| C. Coast of Texas is mapped by Alonso Álvarez de Pineda |
| D. Texans are defeated at the Battle of the Alamo |

Match the era with the **CORRECT** event.

- A** 1A, 2B, 3C, 4D
- B** 1D, 2C, 3B, 4A
- C** 1B, 2D, 3A, 4C
- D** 1C, 2A, 3D, 4B

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Texas Precipitation



How is the amount of precipitation in East Texas different from the amount in West Texas?

- F** East Texas gets more rain than West Texas.
- G** West Texas gets more snow than East Texas.
- H** East Texas gets approximately 25 cm or less precipitation per year.
- J** West Texas gets more than 75 cm of precipitation per year.

7 Natural Gas Consumption (2002) in trillion cubic feet

State	Total
Texas	4.29
California	2.27
Louisiana	1.34
New York	1.19
Illinois	1.04
U.S. consumption total	23.00

Natural Gas Production (2002) in trillion cubic feet

State	Total
Texas	5.14
Gulf of Mexico	4.67
New Mexico	1.63
Oklahoma	1.55
Louisiana	1.36
U.S. production total	19.90

The United States produces about 24 percent of the world's natural gas each year. Texas leads the nation in both consumption and production of natural gas. Based on the information presented in the charts above, Texas produces:

- A** more natural gas than it consumes each year
- B** less natural gas than it consumes each year
- C** less natural gas than the state of Oklahoma
- D** about half of the natural gas produced in the U.S.

8 In order to prepare an accurate description of Texas before the increasing conflicts between the Mexican government and settlers, the **MOST** valid document to use would be a description of Texas written by which of the following?

- F** Stephen F. Austin in 1828
- G** Sam Rayburn in 1918
- H** Robert E. Lee in 1868
- J** Frederick Law Olmstead in 1853

9 I. The Texas Rangers were established.
II. The Mexican army laid seige to the Alamo.
III. The Texas Declaration of Independence was adopted.

What is the correct chronological order for the above events?

- A** I, II, III
- B** II, III, I
- C** III, II, I
- D** I, III, II

10 I. Mexican War
II. Texas Annexation
III. Civil War
IV. Texas Revolution

Which is the **CORRECT** sequence for the events listed above?

- F** I, III, IV, II
- G** III, IV, II, I
- H** IV, II, I, III
- J** II, IV, II, I

11 The present golden moment to obtain Texas must not be lost, or Texas must, from necessity, be thrown into the arms of England, and be forever lost to the United States. Need I call your attention to the situation of the United States -- England in possession of Texas, or in strict alliance, offensive and defensive, and contending for California

Letter from Andrew Jackson, March 11, 1844. Merk, Frederick. *Slavery and the Annexation of Texas*. 1972.

The excerpt refers to which event?

- A** the annexation of Texas to the Union
- B** the annexation of California to the Union
- C** treaty negotiations with Great Britain
- D** the alliance with Mexico

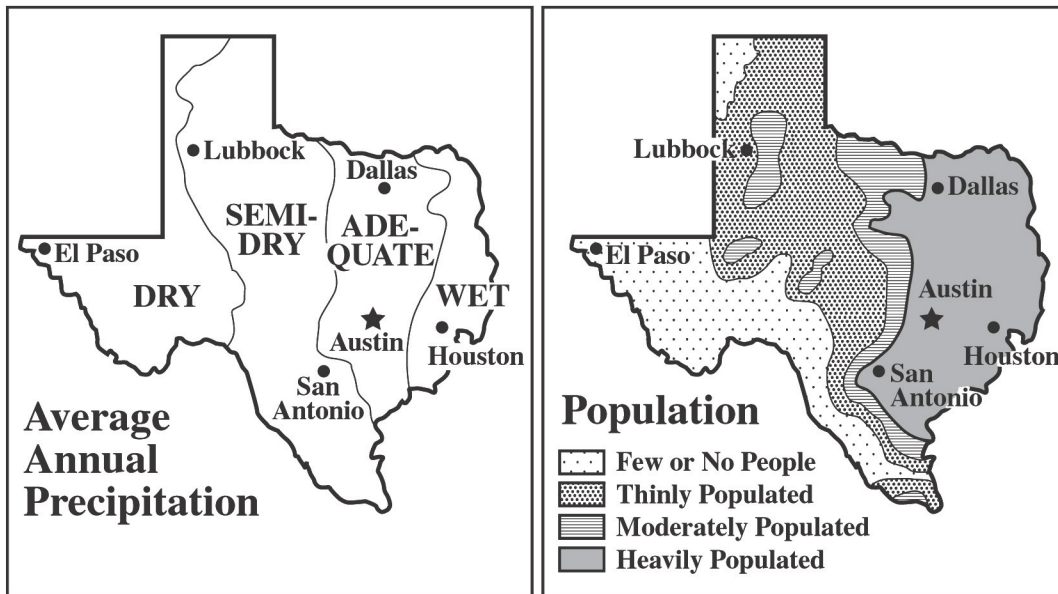
12 People

- 1. Charles Goodnight
- 2. James K. Polk
- 3. Sam Houston
- 4. Stephen F. Austin

	Events
A	Became the first president of the Republic of Texas
B	Established the first cattle ranch in the Panhandle
C	Hired frontiersmen to protect Texas colonists
D	President of the United States when Texas became a state

Which of the following matches the person with the CORRECT event?

- F** 3C, 2A, 4D, 1B
- G** 1B, 3C, 4A, 2D
- H** 4C, 3A, 2D, 1B
- J** 2B, 4D, 1C, 3A



Comparing the two maps above, what happens to population in areas receiving less precipitation?

- A** decreases
- B** increases
- C** is older
- D** higher standard of living