

# chapter 1

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- Points** 100
- Assignment Group** Assignments
- Shuffle Answers** No
- Time Limit** No Time Limit
- Multiple Attempts** No
- View Responses** Always
- Show Correct Answers** Immediately
- One Question at a Time** No

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Preview

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Question 1
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Based on its landmass, Texas ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States for size in square miles.

third

first

fourth

second

Correct Answer

Unanswered
Question 2
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As of 2021, the county with the smallest population in Texas is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Karnes county
- Loving county
- Fort Bend county
- Aransas county

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 3

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The political outsider in Texas may have an advantage because Texans have a fondness for \_\_\_\_\_.

- drama
- independence
- upheaval
- novelty

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 4

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With its seemingly endless frontier, Texas represents \_\_\_\_\_ to many.

- disorganization
- administrative challenges
- limitless potential
- disunity

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 5

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Which scenario is an example of the Texan mentality being shaped by the state's geographic size?

- the concern over constant immigration
- the duty to respect the Federal Government
- the sense that Texas is a place of limitless potential
- the reality that Texans will always face hardships

Correct Answer



Unanswered

Question 6

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Texans often struggle to give up \_\_\_\_\_ because of its history.

suspicions

fighting

land

Correct Answer

power

Unanswered

Question 7

0 / 1 pts

Like many states, the political system in Texas has been cautious to give in to the needs and wishes of \_\_\_\_\_.

the federal government

Correct Answer

newcomers

citizens

state governments

Unanswered

Question 8

0 / 1 pts

Change first came to Texas \_\_\_\_\_ years ago when humans began to move into the area.

Correct Answer

12,000

500

20,000

1,000

Unanswered

Question 9

0 / 1 pts

The Caddo people are known by many historians as the “\_\_\_\_\_ of Texas.”

Catholics

Italians

Correct Answer

Romans

Christians

Unanswered

### Question 10

0 / 1 pts

Which Native American group lived in large, peaceful settlements in the panhandle?

Caddo

Cherokee

Blackfoot

Correct Answer

Apache

Unanswered

### Question 11

0 / 1 pts

Which of the following was a divisive issue during the Texas Revolution and subsequent Texas independence?

Texans needed to choose between statehood in the United States or being an independent republic.

Correct Answer

Tejanos were faced with remaining under Mexican rule or risking their lives under the rule of Anglo settlers.

Anglos were united after independence was won.

Anglos did not want to fight against Mexican rule.

Unanswered

### Question 12

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Which event occurred immediately after the forming of the Republic of Texas?

Texans refused to ratify a constitution for the Republic of Texas.

Sam Houston was elected as president.

The capital was established in Austin.

Correct Answer

The United States completed the process of annexing Texas.

Unanswered

### Question 13

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To bargain with the United States, Texas claimed the \_\_\_\_\_ Trail, which was a trade route between the United States and Mexico.

Correct Answer

- Santa Fe
- Oregon
- Hidalgo
- Apache

Unanswered

**Question 14**

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Which U.S. president campaigned for the annexation of Texas during the election of 1844?

- Andrew Jackson
- Abraham Lincoln
- Henry Davenport

Correct Answer

- James K. Polk

Unanswered

**Question 15**

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The question of whether the United States should annex Texas was most heavily influenced and delayed by the \_\_\_\_\_.

- desire of most Texans to remain independent
- decision to grant Texas the power to secede from the Union
- question of how many states Texas should become

Correct Answer

- issue of slavery

Unanswered

**Question 16**

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Texas's secession from the United States was established \_\_\_\_\_.

- to end slavery in Texas
- with the support of Sam Houston
- formally in 1861
- with opposition by a majority of voters

Correct Answer

Unanswered

Question 17

0 / 1 pts

Which statement is correct about Texas's entry into the Confederacy?

- Free Black people were protected from persecution.
- German people's antislavery beliefs were largely inconsequential.

Correct Answer

- Tejanos' land was seized.
- Women's rights saw an unparalleled expansion.

Unanswered

Question 18

0 / 1 pts

Which group was nicknamed "Redeemers" at the end of Reconstruction in Texas?

- Republican Party
- "Scalawags"

Correct Answer

- Democratic Party
- "Carpetbaggers"

Unanswered

Question 19

0 / 1 pts

Texas schools remained segregated until well into the early \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1980s
- 1970s
- 1960s
- 1950s

Correct Answer

Unanswered

Question 20

0 / 1 pts

Which woman was elected as the first female mayor of San Antonio?

Correct Answer

- Liz Cockrell
- Rosa Parks
- Nellie Connally
- Kathryn J. Whitmire

Unanswered

Question 21

0 / 1 pts

Which political culture type is most rarely found in Texas?

Correct Answer

- moralistic
- individualistic
- traditionalistic
- popularistic

Unanswered

Question 22

0 / 1 pts

The influence of the frontier continues in Texas political culture today with \_\_\_\_\_.

Correct Answer

- a preference for little gun control
- a rehabilitative justice system
- a preference for big government
- less harsh criminal sentences

Unanswered

Question 23

0 / 1 pts

Immigrants to Texas have brought many different traditions and languages as well as \_\_\_\_\_.

Correct Answer

- trouble
- disease
- difficulty
- change



Unanswered

### Question 24

0 / 1 pts

What was the reply the Zunis gave to Coronado's Spanish expedition when they stated the Zunis were now Spanish citizens?

a lavish party

Correct Answer

a volley of arrows

a basket of gold bars

a large protest

Unanswered

### Question 25

0 / 1 pts

For the last thirty years, what has been the major type of migration that has increased the population in Texas?

tribal

Correct Answer

international

continental

domestic

Unanswered

### Question 26

0 / 1 pts

The Texas state demographer estimates that by 2050, the Hispanic population will grow to over \_\_\_\_\_?

11 million

Correct Answer

30 million

1 billion

60 million

Unanswered

### Question 27

0 / 1 pts

According to the Texas Demographer's office, Texas has seen an increase in immigration coming from \_\_\_\_\_ in the last decade.

Correct Answer

Asia and Africa

Europe and the Middle East



- South America
- Australia and New Zealand

Unanswered

### Question 28

0 / 1 pts

Which population in Texas is expected to increase from 10 million to 50 million by 2050?

- Asian
- Hispanic
- Middle Eastern
- Anglo

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 29

0 / 1 pts

Which group of immigrants to Texas has risen in population to over 30 percent in recent years?

- Latinos
- Asians
- Africans
- Eastern Europeans

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 30

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In what year did Eva Guzman become the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Texas Supreme Court?

- 1999
- 2009
- 1957
- 1965

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 31

0 / 1 pts

At 8,749 feet, Guadalupe Peak, is the highest point in Texas.

Correct Answer

- True
- False

Unanswered

**Question 32**

0 / 1 pts

The Spanish were often described as “the Romans of Texas.”

- True

Correct Answer

- False

Unanswered

**Question 33**

0 / 1 pts

The first elected president of the Republic of Texas was Mirabeau B. Lamar.

- True

Correct Answer

- False

Unanswered

**Question 34**

0 / 1 pts

Sam Houston lost the election for governor in 1857 because he was associated with the Know-Nothing Party.

Correct Answer

- True
- False

Unanswered

**Question 35**

0 / 1 pts

Texas state law allowed for African American marriages even before the end of the Civil War.

- True

Correct Answer

- False

Unanswered

**Question 36**

0 / 1 pts

“Pa” Ferguson impeached for financial impropriety during his time as governor of Texas.

Correct Answer

True

False

Unanswered

Question 37

0 / 1 pts

In 1961, Texas elected its first Republican to the Senate since Reconstruction.

Correct Answer

True

False

Unanswered

Question 38

0 / 1 pts

Political systems tend to go against the status quo.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

Question 39

0 / 1 pts

If Texas were a country its economy would be bigger than Canada's economy.

Correct Answer

True

False

Unanswered

Question 40

0 / 1 pts

Texas is one of the states that has not struggled with change.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

Question 41

Not yet graded / 1 pts

Imagine you are preparing a topographic map of Texas. Provide a description you could use to start making the map, highlighting the noteworthy natural landscapes and places in the state.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Texas is a very diverse state when it comes to landscape, due in large part to the landmass, which is the second largest behind Alaska. Moving from east to west, Texas first has large woods of pine, and the more western the landscape changes to a sparse desert. From north to south, Texas is just as unique. Texas boasts Guadalupe Peak, which is the highest point in Texas, as well as Big Bend, both a part of the arid desert landscape. Heading south, the land in Texas becomes marshy and finally ends in the shorelines along the Gulf of Mexico.

Unanswered

### Question 42

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The size of Texas can cause some logistical challenges for those running for political office. Describe how you would inform a political candidate about running for office in Texas.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. Running for office can be an expensive undertaking due to the size of the state. However, even a newcomer can be successful, with the right amount of money and strategic tactics. Because Texas is so large, and the citizens so spread out it is hard to have face-to-face meetings. The lack of face-to-face meetings has led to a sparse amount of closely formed political organizations. For this reason, many candidates tend to find success if they try to gain the attention of voters through political antics instead of following an organized political approach. In fact, colorful characters have great success in elections, though this does not mean that they will be good leaders.

Unanswered

### Question 43

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Imagine that you were a pro-prohibition politician in Texas. How would you have ensured that Texans gave up alcohol? What arguments would you have made to convince them? What role did racial hatred play in convincing Texans to support prohibition?

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. Because of the lack of large companies and political groups, prohibitionists were able to work at the local level. In fact, prohibitionists would work in towns and small cities to help get fellow prohibitionists elected. When it came to the vote to ratify the state's prohibitionist amendment, it was not easy and took several attempts to finally make it happen. The impeachment of James E. "Pa" Ferguson helped to finally gain enough support to pass statewide prohibition. Racism over the subject of alcohol focused on two groups that had suffered during the Confederacy, the Germans and Mexicans because many viewed alcohol as a vice for both groups. This led to an unfair perception of the groups and allowed those that did not like the presence of Germans and Mexicans in Texas to support statewide prohibition even before ratifying the eighteenth amendment.

Unanswered

### Question 44

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Imagine that you are an immigrant rights advocate in Texas. Some of your clients include those who speak neither Spanish nor English, some who identify as members of indigenous groups from Guatemala and Mexico, and some who harbor anti-colonial attitudes. Given your job advocating for this variety of clients who are all seeking to immigrate to Texas, why might you argue that the label *Hispanic* falls short when used to discuss immigrant groups in Texas?

Your Answer:

Sample response: The label "Hispanic" refers to a very broad group of people. Some Hispanic people in Texas are new arrivals to Texas either from other states or from South America, while others can trace their lineage back to Spanish control of the region. Moreover, some immigrants from countries in Central and South America do not speak Spanish and some identify as members of indigenous groups from that area. There are also some who might be labeled as Hispanic who do not want to identify with the history of conquest perpetrated by Spain. Thus, Hispanic people share the Spanish language, but their country of origin, heritage culture, and identification with Spain can vary.

Unanswered

### Question 45

Not yet graded / 1 pts

Imagine you are a Texas cattle rancher, and you are trying to stay competitive with your prices. Examine the challenges you have and why the depiction of the Texas cattle rancher in movies might be a false portrayal.

Your Answer:

Sample response: The Texas rancher in the movies is often portrayed as someone with great wealth and power. However, the reality is that there is competition everywhere for the same product and not only would I have to keep track of prices in the United States, but I would also have to look overseas as well. Indeed, Texans fall below the national averages for wealth, and we have a higher poverty rate. The reality is, with all the challenges of a diverse and growing society in Texas, we must also consider the global markets all while trying to maintain our financial independence and identity.

Unanswered

### Question 46

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A review of electoral history in Texas revealed that attention grabbing has replaced \_\_\_\_\_ during political campaigns.

dignity

tradition

honesty

Correct Answer

organized politics

Unanswered

**Question 47**

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What has created the fierce loyalty of Texans?

unique leaders

unique politics

Correct Answer

unique history

unique size

Unanswered

**Question 48**

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The unity of many Texans is not found in geography, but in the \_\_\_\_\_.

mind

Great Depression

politics

Civil War

Correct Answer

Unanswered

**Question 49**

0 / 1 pts

The Indigenous people Europeans met five hundred years ago were \_\_\_\_\_.

violent and unorganized

welcoming and organized

indistinguishable and combative

Correct Answer

diverse and well established

Unanswered

**Question 50**

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Which group(s) contributed to the “birth of Texas traditions”?

- post–Civil War immigrants from England
- both the French and laborers from China
- both the Spanish and Indigenous people
- Theodore Roosevelt serving as *empresario*

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 51

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Which development served as motivation for Mexican independence from Spain?

- Spain’s desire to expand political rights beyond what the Mexican government wanted
- Sam Houston’s desire to have Texas annexed by the United States
- Citizens born in the New World desired the same rights as those born in Europe
- Mexico’s desire to expand slavery into Texas

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 52

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The “Call of Hidalgo” was aimed at securing \_\_\_\_\_ in the New World.

- lower taxation rates
- local land ownership
- equal rights for all
- legal settlements for Anglos

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 53

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When Texas became a state in 1845, its statehood was opposed by \_\_\_\_\_

- Senators who wanted slavery to expand into the west
- former president John Quincy Adams
- both the U.S. House and Senate who didn’t want expansion
- those wanting to limit the number of slave states

Correct Answer



Unanswered

### Question 54

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The Mexican-American War began when General \_\_\_\_\_ moved into Mexican-claimed territory at the mouth of the Rio Grande.

- Miguel Hidalgo
- John Quincy Adams
- Zachary Taylor
- Winfield Scott

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 55

0 / 1 pts

How did Reconstruction in Texas meet the demands of Radical Republicans in Congress?

- Texans accepted the Emancipation Proclamation.
- The Texas government approved and passed the black codes.
- The Texas legislature passed Jim Crow laws.
- Texas Republicans drafted a new Constitution in 1869.

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 56

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What occurred to the Texas economy during the Great Depression?

- Federal subsidies were not large enough to provide relief to Texas' large population.
- The oil industry did little to spare the Texas economy from the effects of the Depression.
- Many farmers' property increased in value and they avoided for closure.
- "Pappy" O'Daniel lost the gubernatorial election despite pushing economic relief.

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 57

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James E. "Pa" Ferguson won elected office by shunning prohibition and focusing on \_\_\_\_\_.

- campaign finance reform
- better relations with Mexico
- capping rent for tenant farmers

Correct Answer





- brewing alcohol at home

Unanswered

### Question 58

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The weakening of the influence of Civil War allegiances in Texas has led to the growing power of the Republican Party because \_\_\_\_\_.

Correct Answer

- conservatives have been willing to abandon the Democratic Party.
- economic issues have unified members of the Democratic Party.
- African Americans have bolstered the ranks of the Republican Party.
- Hispanics have bolstered the ranks of the Republican Party.

Unanswered

### Question 59

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What is an example of presidential republicanism?

- Richard Nixon becoming president after gaining support in Texas
- Texas welcoming President John F. Kennedy to Dallas
- William P. Clements winning as the first Republican governor since the reformation

Correct Answer

- Democratic Governor John Connally serving on President Nixon's cabinet

Unanswered

### Question 60

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Traditionalistic political culture is characterized by the belief that the government \_\_\_\_\_.

- should almost always intervene in any matter they deem necessary
- should be controlled by the lower classes in society
- is traditionally best when controlled by the educated classes

Correct Answer

- has a limited role but should preserve the current social order

Unanswered

### Question 61

0 / 1 pts

Which political culture is most often found in East Texas?

- liberalistic

Correct Answer

- traditionalistic
- individualistic
- moralistic

Unanswered

**Question 62**

0 / 1 pts

Texas tends to still be characterized by its long-standing \_\_\_\_\_.

- independence
- defiance
- individualism

Correct Answer

- frontier

Unanswered

**Question 63**

0 / 1 pts

Which U.S. "nation" is characterized by its dislike of aristocrats of the Deep South?

- Midlands
- El Norte

Correct Answer

- Greater Appalachia
- New World

Unanswered

**Question 64**

0 / 1 pts

New arrivals to Texas can often be considered \_\_\_\_\_ in the state's future.

- competitors
- spectators
- partners
- enemies

Correct Answer

Unanswered

**Question 65**

0 / 1 pts

What has been the average percentage of population growth per decade in Texas since its statehood?

25%

50%

Correct Answer

40%

75%

Unanswered

**Question 66**

0 / 1 pts

Changes in immigration and \_\_\_\_\_ can make population predictions difficult.

economic growth

political parties

Correct Answer

birth rates

death rates

Unanswered

**Question 67**

0 / 1 pts

Which immigrant group is integral to Texas history as well as Texas's future?

Hispanic people

Asian people

Anglo people

Middle Eastern people

Correct Answer

Unanswered

**Question 68**

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Why was the Mexican flag excluded from display in the Alamo?

The flag was seen as unpatriotic and offensive to Texans who had died during battle.

Sam Houston wanted Texas to be an Anglo-only state and banned the flag.

The Hispanic population of Texas did not want to be associated with the Alamo.

Correct Answer

Tejano heroics in the battle were replaced with a legend about dictatorial Mexican rulers.

Unanswered

**Question 69**

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What happened after the Alamo and the Texas Revolution that made life harder for Tejanos?

- Tejanos lost the right to vote in the Texan Republic.
- Tejanos were rounded up and removed from Texas.
- History forgot the sacrifice of Tejanos in the war.
- Tejanos were enslaved, and their land stolen.

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 70

0 / 1 pts

After the decline of the Tejano population in Texas during the late 1800s, what event happened to make the population increase again?

- Oil was discovered in Texas and workers were needed on the rigs.
- Slavery was abolished, and land stolen from Tejanos was returned.
- A new U.S. President invited Tejanos to return with tax breaks.
- A powerful and repressive regime took over Mexico.

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 71

0 / 1 pts

What technique was used to keep African American people and Tejanos from voting in Texas?

- "white elections"
- "white caucuses"
- "white primaries"
- "white meetings"

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 72

0 / 1 pts

What incorrect legend endures regarding the relationship between Anglos and the Hispanic population of Texas?

- Anglos saved the state from Mexican chaos.
- Mexicans tortured Anglos and Tejanos saved them.
- Anglos were the saviors and Tejanos were the aggressors.
- Mexicans wanted slavery and Anglos did not.

Correct Answer



Unanswered

### Question 73

0 / 1 pts

According to one history textbook from the 1880s, immigrants to Texas from the United States tamed the wilderness and created a civilized state while "Mexico had nothing but fear and hatred." What does this demonstrate about Texas legend?

- Anglo optimism and progress won the day while Mexico was too traditionalist.
- The American ideal of tolerance would not have taken hold without Anglo intervention.

Correct Answer

- Texas legends emphasize Anglo bravery and work ethic while diminishing and demonizing Mexican contributions.
- The mission of Manifest Destiny could not be held back by even the Texas wilderness.

Unanswered

### Question 74

0 / 1 pts

What issue caused Texas Senator Henry B. Gonzalez to conduct a record-breaking filibuster in 1957?

- Laws that would back the segregation of Texas public schools
- Laws that would allow for the lynching of Tejanos
- Laws protecting Ku Klux Klan members from going to jail
- Laws stopping members of racial and ethnic minority groups from voting in the 1960 presidential election

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 75

0 / 1 pts

Which group has become successful in applying political pressure in Texas?

- Tejanos
- Asians
- African Americans
- Eastern Europeans

Correct Answer

Unanswered

### Question 76

0 / 1 pts

Texas has such a large population that each county has over 10,000 people.

- True

Correct Answer

- False

Unanswered

**Question 77**

0 / 1 pts

France was responsible for starting the organized Anglo settlements in Texas.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

**Question 78**

0 / 1 pts

During the 1844 U.S. Presidential election, James K. Polk campaigned to admit Texas into the United States.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

**Question 79**

0 / 1 pts

Individualistic political culture supports the expansion of welfare programs.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

**Question 80**

0 / 1 pts

Clean air regulations are an example of what would result from a moralistic political culture.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

**Question 81**

0 / 1 pts



“Techas” is the Zuni word for friend.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

Question 82

0 / 1 pts

By 2050, Texas could have more than 31 million residents.

Correct Answer

True

False

Unanswered

Question 83

0 / 1 pts

Recent demographic studies show an increase in immigration to Texas from Asia.

Correct Answer

True

False

Unanswered

Question 84

0 / 1 pts

The Mexican flag was displayed in the Alamo’s “Hall of Honor” shortly after Texas gained statehood.

True

Correct Answer

False

Unanswered

Question 85

0 / 1 pts

Between 1900 and 1920 the Mexican population in Texas tripled in size.

Correct Answer

True

False

Unanswered

Question 86

Not yet graded / 1 pts



Investigate the Caddos and provide a brief reasoning for why they would be considered the “Romans of Texas.”

Your Answer:

Sample response: The Caddo people were able to develop agricultural practices and tools around 1,500 years ago. With these new tools and practices, the Caddos were able to have a steadier food supply and less of a need to hunt and gather as they had in the past. With the time the Caddos had, they began to develop a society including social classes. They were also able to work on trade relations with other nations. By the year 1500 there were over 200,000 Caddos living in an extensive societal system with governing officials that included subchiefs, tribal chiefs and the Grand Caddi, who was the great leader of all the nations. With this type of complex society, it can be easy for some to look at this Native American nation and compare it loosely with the Romans.

Unanswered

### Question 87

Not yet graded / 1 pts

Identify how the Spanish established themselves and then highlight the main reason why the Spanish presence in Texas waned in the 1790s.

Your Answer:

Sample response: The Spanish sought to bring their religion to Native Americans in the region of what is now Texas. Their Catholic beliefs provided a motive for the Spanish to supplement their religious efforts by creating missions with a mixture of forts known as presidios. However, even with all of these efforts, by the 1790s, fewer than 3,200 Spanish speakers remained in Texas. The reason for this decline is maintenance costs to keep the missions and presidios running and, in the end, the investments made by the Spanish in Texas proved to be unsuccessful, making their presence dwindle.

Unanswered

### Question 88

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Compare and contrast the difference in culture and politics between Texas as a Mexican territory and Texas as a U.S. state.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. Because of the presence of Spain, Texas became part of the Spanish territories in the New World. Texas became part of the Mexican territory when they gained independence from Spain and functioned largely as an extension of the Mexican government, based in Mexico City. Even though the Anglo settlers were allowed into the territory by the Mexican government, it soon became clear that the tensions were too great. With concerns over Mexico City having power over the settlers, Texans engaged in revolt. After gaining their freedom from Mexico, Texas became the Republic of Texas and became its own country. It was almost a certainty that once Texas became the Republic of Texas, the process to join the United States would begin. Texas officially became a state in early 1846. Under independent and later U.S. rule, the culture of Texas heavily favored individualism and also Anglo cultural norms.



Unanswered

### Question 89

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Why was Sam Houston's negotiation strategy regarding Texas' statehood successful when working with the U.S. government?

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. As President of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston wanted Texas to become part of the United States. When those working on the issue in Washington turned against Texas becoming a state, Houston started to approach European powers and even had England and France negotiate with Mexico to release Texas soldiers captured during the revolution. This created concern in the United States because Houston was creating a viable threat to U.S. dominance on the continent. Moreover, when Houston claimed land for Texas as far north as Wyoming, he claimed part of the Santa Fe Trail and this act could potentially cut off trade relations between the United States and Mexico. This strategy was successful because Houston not only created a political concern (by negotiating with European powers) but also an economic threat which forced the United States' hand. The United States finally agreed to some of the terms Texas offered and the process toward statehood began.

Unanswered

### Question 90

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Examine why the Anglo settlers coming into Texas had tensions with the Mexican government.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Many Anglo settlers coming into Texas were coming for the chance to own their own land, make quick money in land speculation, or were even trying to avoid financial ruin. However, once they arrived, many of the settlers began to take exceptions to some demands of the Mexican government. First, the mandate that Spanish be the official language of Texas left many English-speaking Anglos angry because of the difficulty in communication. Second, many of the Anglo settlers were Protestants and deeply resented the requirement from the Mexican government that they become Catholic. Finally, as more Anglos turned to the cash crop, cotton, the demand for slaves became higher, and this clashed with the Mexican government, which opposed slavery.

Unanswered

### Question 91

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Describe the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Identify the purpose of this treaty and the provisions that were agreed upon, and whether those provisions proved to be successful.

Your Answer:

Sample response: The signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo meant the end of the Mexican American War. The war had started in the spring of 1846 when Texas became part of the United States. The treaty officially recognized the Rio Grande River as the border between Texas and Mexico. In addition, the treaty made assurances that the rights of Mexican citizens who were now citizens of the United States would be recognized. This promise proved to be fragile, and much of the Tejano population declined due to the increased tensions between Mexican and American cultures.

Unanswered

### Question 92

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What was "Juneteenth" and how did it affect Texas politics?

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers should ideally include: While President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that enslaved persons were free in 1863 with the Emancipation Proclamation, that was not the case in Texas. It was not until Union forces entered into Texas on June 19, 1865 that enslaved people were finally free and became citizens in their state. This date was known as "Juneteenth." Once enslaved people were free, they joined with Anglo Republicans to help elect Republican to statewide political offices.

Unanswered

### Question 93

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What was the impact of the rise of the Grange and the "Redeemers" on Texas both historically and today?

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. The Grange and the "Redeemers" led to the creation of the post-Reconstruction government and the writing of the current Texas Constitution. Their policies reduced the rights of former enslaved people, increased the power of agricultural interests, and left behind a constitution that complicates the ability of Texas to deal with its problems in the modern age.

Unanswered

### Question 94

Not yet graded / 1 pts

Investigate why the Confederate regime in Texas was considered to be a disaster for many people.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Unfortunately, when Texas entered the Confederacy, many groups were greatly affected by the new government. Free Black people and German populations were targets for harassment because of their anti-slavery beliefs. Tejanos began to have their land seized and because of this many aligned themselves with the Union. In fact, some Tejanos became part of the Union's Second Calvary and those Tejanos who did not join the Union became pro-Union guerrillas. Even many Anglos were forced out of Texas because they were pro-Union.

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### Question 95

Not yet graded / 1 pts

Texas was hit hard by the Great Depression. Illustrate some of the ways Texans struggled during this period in history,

Your Answer:

Sample response: Every area of life was affected by the Great Depression and in Texas this was no exception. Over one-third of Texas farmers were forced from their lands because of the Depression. In addition, Texas oil did little to ease the state and when the Texas oil boom occurred during the Depression, it led to an overproduction of oil. The overproduction of oil was so bad that prices per barrel dropped to three cents a barrel. With the Railroad Commission refusing to help reduce the overproduction, Governor Ross S. Sterling had to declare martial law and ended up using members of the National Guard to stop all the East Texas oil fields. Eventually, even a national repeal of prohibition was approved in the hopes that it would help to aid in economic recovery.

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### Question 96

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What is an individualistic political culture and why is it prevalent in Texas?

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. Individual political culture is the idea that individuals are better to live and let live, meaning that the government should not be involved in every aspect of a person's life. Additionally, the government should act only in the lives of its citizens when it is asked to. The Texas way of life, especially in the western part, has led to this type of political culture because of the vast quantities of land and the individual successes achieved when the land was used. Historically, individuals have been left to their own devices to protect and cultivate the land. That success led many to feel that the government had no part in the private lives of its citizens.

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### Question 97

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Why is it accurate to say that Texas is a state made up of different "nations?"

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. A nation is formed by groups of people who share, or believe they share, a common culture, origin, language, historical experiences, etc. Colin Woodward states that there are eleven nations in the United States and that four of those are in Texas: the Deep South, Greater Appalachia, the Midlands, and El Norte. These four nations have their own culture; these nations do not necessarily follow the state's borders, but more the frame of mind of the groups. Each nation does tend to be in certain areas of Texas, for example, the Deep South is more in the southeastern part of Texas and stretches into other states as well.

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### Question 98

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Explain why Texas's population continues to increase and how this affects Texas's politics, demography, and culture.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. The draw of Texas has been consistent since before it was a state, with people moving because of the promise of land and new opportunities. Change is a trend that has been constant in Texas for many generations. As people predominantly from Asia and Latin America continue to immigrate to the state, they bring with them new ideas and cultures. However, that does not always sit well with those who already live there because of concern over competition. However, with the recent numbers it is expected that the population in Texas will continue to grow. From 2010 to 2018 nearly 4 million people moved into Texas and this population growth is expected to continue to grow in the coming decades. For example, the office of the state demographer estimates that the Hispanic population will grow to over 30 million people by 2050.



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### Question 99

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Identify why the history of Tejanos in Texas is so important and determine if the historical record of this group is accurate.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Historically, Tejanos were vital to the early development of Texas and while Anglos did come to dominate the state, the history told by some about the two groups is not accurate. While history would have some believing that there was conflict between Tejanos and Anglos, the reality is that cooperation between the two groups early on is overshadowed by the tensions between the two. Indeed, these tensions are overly exaggerated, and Tejanos struggled just as much as other Texans during the revolution against Mexico. Additionally, Tejanos made many contributions to the war effort on both sides, but these elements are mostly forgotten by history.

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### Question 100

Not yet graded / 1 pts

Explain why Hispanic people may be “winners” in the future of Texas.

Your Answer:

Sample response: Answers may vary. While Hispanic people have been erroneously relegated to a minor role in the history of Texas, they are coming to prominence today. Tejanos have taken on leadership roles and have organized to exert political pressure on the predominantly white leadership class of Texas and their voices and power continues to grow. Demographic shifts over the next few decades favor Hispanic and Latino political and cultural power as the population of those who identify as Hispanic or Latino in Texas is expected to exceed 30 million by 2050. Several statewide and national leaders in Texas have also risen to prominence in the past decade and it is likely that more Hispanic politicians will be elected to public office in the coming years.

Quiz Score: 0 out of 100

