

# Texas History

Welcome! In Texas History this year, we will begin our content with Geography of Texas studying natural Texas and its people through Contemporary Texas. In class, we will interact with the people and events that shaped Texas.

## Supplies

Binder 1 inch or 1 ½ inch binder with 8 dividers.  
Composition Book (100 pages)

**Students will keep binders in the classroom.**

**Study material will be given and students will keep it in their composition notebook. They will be responsible for bringing it to class and home each day.**

Pencil bag w/ pencils, erasers, map pencils, glue, scissors, and highlighters. **Bring to class everyday.**

## Grading Policies

***Grades are earned, NOT given.***

### Grades

This will include classwork, homework, comprehension quizzes and group assignments, these will be recorded as one grade in the gradebook. Grades that are Tests, and Projects/Presentations will count twice in the gradebook. If a student is caught cheating on an assignment they will receive an automatic zero!. **NO EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN**

### Redo/Retest

- ❖ Students not mastering material on a test have 5 days after the test is returned to complete the alternative assignment or retest to bring the grade up to 70. Students will have to take care of this outside of class time.
- ❖ ***Please pick up your absent work and take any quiz or test you missed.***

### Late/Absent Work

- ❖ 1 day late= -10 points (deducted after paper is graded)
- ❖ 2 days late= -20 points (deducted after paper is graded)
- ❖ 3 days late= -30 points (deducted after the paper is graded)
- ❖ After 3 days late= students cannot earn higher than a 50.
- ❖ ***Days Absent = Days to Makeup***

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Conference: 9:40-10:26 AM .

## Stay Connected

<https://meet.google.com/ewp-thhp-kja>

Google Classroom Code:

**3hfqo475**

## Expectations

- ❖ **Be Prepared**
- ❖ **Be Responsible**
- ❖ **Be Respectful**
- ❖ **Be Positive**
- ❖ **Be Productive**

## Classroom Reminders

- Attend to personal needs before class.
- Come to class on time.
- Pick up your materials from the shelf and designated pick up areas.
- Take seat and begin assigned activity.
- Make sure your cell phone is off and out of site.
- **STUDY and complete HOMEWORK!**

## CONTENT

This course will cover the following Texas History topics: Natural Texas, Native Americans, Spanish Exploration and Colonization, Mexican Independence & American Settlement, Texas Revolution, Republic of Texas, Early Statehood & Government, Civil War & Reconstruction, Texas Growth & Transformation, Reform & Civil Rights, Modern Era, Local Government & Citizenship, and Art, Music, & Technology Skill attainment will include map analysis, document analysis, summarization, drawing conclusions, identifying cause and effect relationships, comparing and contrasting ideas and text, making generalizations and predictions, and research skills.

### Note to students...

I'm excited to be your guide and support you through this year of learning. If you ever feel stuck or unsure, don't hesitate to ask questions. Struggling is part of the learning process, and we can work through it together! I want to encourage you to be creative, curious, and explore new ideas. Do your best and push yourself and we can make this a great year of growing and learning!

***"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."***

***-- BB King***

## Binder Divider Labels

Students will need 6 divider tabs and will label them for each six weeks.

### Composition Notebook

You will keep up with vocabulary and study material in this notebook. This will be kept with you .

## CLASS RULES

- Be on time, on task and prepared to learn **EVERYDAY**
- Respect the teacher, the classroom, other students and yourself
- Be responsible for your own learning  
#forgetcheating
- Clean up after yourself and your peers
- **Keep all personal electronics devices OFF and in their designated place.**
- No eating, chewing gum or drinks other than water will be allowed.
- Cheating will not be tolerated.



# Student Contract



By signing this contract, you are indicating that you understand and agree to the following:

- ☐ I will **BE RESPONSIBLE** for bringing all my assignments, materials and supplies to class everyday. This includes, completing and turning in my assignments on time.. **My best work is expected the first time - everytime!**
- ☐ I will **ACTIVELY** participate in classroom discussions and activities.
- ☐ I will **RESPECT** everything and everyone in the classroom at all times. This includes my classmates, teacher, and the classroom itself.
- ☐ I will **HELP** to create a safe and welcoming learning environment for myself and my peers.
- ☐ I will try my **BEST** each and everyday to do what is asked of me, even though it may challenge me to work harder.
- ☐ I will **NOT** cheat.

**Parents** please check the appropriate box below. (ex: quizlet - google drive - google classroom)

- ☐ **Internet connectivity:** My child **will** be able to access technology outside of school.
- ☐ **Internet connectivity:** My child **will NOT** be able to access technology outside of school.

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand these expectations.

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Student Name (print)

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Parent Name (print)

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Contact: Email

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Phone