

7th Grade Texas History
PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance

Bundle	<i>Title</i> Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	Guiding Questions
1	<p><i>My Place in Texas and My Role in This Class</i> Geography is the study of the earth's surface and the processes that shape it, the connections between places, and the complex relationships that develop between people and their environments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is geography and why is it important? ▪ What is the relationship between people and places? ▪ What is the character of places in Texas? ▪ What is the unique character of this class? ▪ How do we work together to have the most successful year?
2	<p><i>Native Americans, Explorers, and Their Interactions</i> Tejas Natives and Europeans learned and borrowed from each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How did Tejas Natives interact with their physical environment? ▪ How did the physical environment inform Tejas Native culture? ▪ How do Tejas Natives still influence Texas today? ▪ How did Tejas Native and European culture both blend and remain unique? ▪ Did the Europeans find and accomplish what they wanted to in Texas?
3	<p><i>Missions and Mexican Independence</i> The presidio and mission systems had both specific causes and enduring effects on Texas history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What were the causes and effects of the presidio system? ▪ What were the causes and effects of the mission system? ▪ What was life like for different people in the presidios and missions? ▪ How did Mexican Independence affect Texas?
4	<p><i>Empresarios and Immigration</i> Empresarios from different countries had similar and different reasons for and results in establishing their colonies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What challenges did empresarios face during early colonization? ▪ What were the differences in the colonies established by immigrants from the U.S. and from other countries? ▪ How did the colonies and colonists change the lives of the Tejas Natives?
5	<p><i>Steps toward Revolution</i> Differences between them brought Texas settlers and the Mexican government into conflict.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How did the Anglo-Texans react to Santa Anna's actions? ▪ What was the relationship between Mexico and settlers from the U.S. in the early 1800s? ▪ What ideas about government did the settlers from the U.S. bring to Texas?
6	<p><i>Battles of the Revolution</i> When the Texans resisted the Mexican government, the bloodshed began and Texas declared independence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How were the Texas and U.S. revolutions similar and different? ▪ How did the loss of the Alamo spur Texans to fight for independence? ▪ Who were the significant individuals who influenced the course of the Texas Revolution?
7	<p><i>Republic, Statehood and Early</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What challenges did the Republic face internally

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	<p><i>Government</i> The Republic of Texas faced numerous internal and external challenges before deciding to join the United States.</p>	<p>and externally?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What were the arguments for and against Texas joining the Union? ▪ What decisions did the Texans make about the structure and purpose of their government as a Republic and then as a state?
8	<p><i>Civil War and Reconstruction</i> The consequences of the Civil War and Reconstruction continue to affect Texas even today.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What issues split the United States apart? How did those issues affect Texas? ▪ How did Reconstruction change Texas? ▪ What is the continuing legacy of the Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas?
9	<p><i>The Texas Frontier: Ranching and the Railroad</i> Ranching, cotton farming, the railroad and then barbed wire greatly shaped Texas' unique character, culture and economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What effect did the Frontier Wars have on the Native Americans? ▪ Who first established the cattle industry in Texas? ▪ Why did many people stream into Texas in the late 1800s? ▪ What was the main job of the Texas Rangers in the late 1800s? ▪ How did the closing of the frontier affect the Texas economy?
10	<p><i>Modern Texas Emerges, 1900-1950</i> Texas and Texans have persevered through many natural disasters, economic booms and busts, and even global conflicts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What natural disasters frequently affect Texas? How does Texas support its citizens before, during and after natural disasters, in the past and the present? ▪ How did the discovery of oil affect Texas and Texans? ▪ How did WWI and WWII impact Texas? ▪ How did the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl affect Texans?
11	<p><i>Modern Texas Emerges, 1950-2000</i> Texas has changed to meet the demands of global community as well as those of individual Texans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What occurred in history that has kept different groups, such as African-Americans, Hispanics, and women, from having equal and civil rights? ▪ What risks did individuals and groups in Texas take to ensure civil and equal rights for all American citizens? ▪ How and why have rural and urban demographics changed during the latter half of the twentieth century? ▪ How is Texas' economy interdependent with that of the U.S. and the world? ▪ How has the Texas government changed in order to reflect more modern beliefs and principles?
12	<p><i>Texas' Culture and Diversity</i> Technological advances have helped change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How have separate Texas industries experienced the cycle of "boom and bust" similarly and

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	<p>Texans' lives and led to cycles of "boom and bust" as Texas' economy has become even more interdependent with that of the U.S. and the world.</p> <p>Texas' diversity is important to its strength and unique character.</p>	<p>differently?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How did Texas change from an agrarian to an urban society? ▪ How does Texas celebrate its diversity? Why is diversity so important in Texas? ▪ How have technological advances affected Texas socially, economically, and politically?