

Texas Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Texas fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Texas questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Texas questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Texas fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them.



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Fact Card

1



Texas split from Mexico in 1836. It was its own nation for almost 10 years. It became the 28th state on

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Fact Card

2



The state flag of Texas is the same flag it flew while it was its own nation. It has one white



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3



The state motto of Texas is one word: Friendship. That's because the name Texas, or Tejas, comes from a Native American word meaning *friend*.

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4

All astronauts train at the Johnson Space Center in Houston (JSC). The JSC is where NASA's Mission Control Center is. It oversees all space missions, including U.S. activity on the International Space Station.





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Fact Card

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The state capital of Texas is Austin. Nearly one million people live there.



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Fact Card

6

The most populous city in Texas is Houston. About 2,300,000 people live there.



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The second-most populous city in Texas is San Antonio. About 1,500,000 people live there.

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Dallas is the third-most populous city in Texas. Almost 1,300,000 people live there.

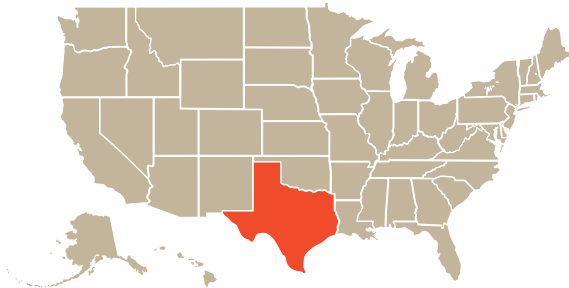


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Fact Card

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"Everything's bigger in Texas" is a popular saying. It's also pretty true!

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Fact Card

10



People have lived in Texas for around 10,000–15,000 years. It's still home to many Native

Americans, but only three tribes are federally recognized:



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11



On June 19, 1865, Union troops brought Galveston, Texas news that slavery was ended.

One year later, Galveston held the first Juneteenth celebration. It's now a federal holiday.

Texas

12



Texas has the most ranches and farms in the country—more than double any other state. It's no surprise that rodeo is the official state sport!



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Fact Card

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The official state bird of Texas is the northern mockingbird.



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14



Texas has eight official state animals. Three are mammals.



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The official state flower of Texas is the bluebonnet. Bluebonnets are both pretty and poisonous!

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The Texas state seal is two-sided. The front has oak and olive branches tied together around a white star. The back has more details, including two sayings and six flags.



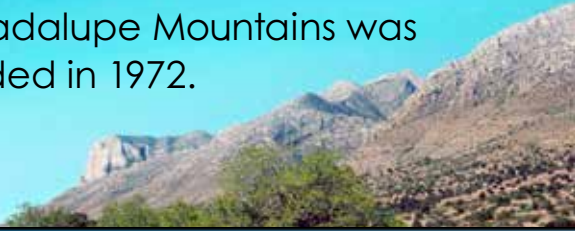
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Texas has many protected lands, but only two national parks. Big Bend became the first in 1944. Guadalupe Mountains was added in 1972.



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It can take between 10–13 hours to drive across Texas, not counting stops and traffic. And that's with some highways having 85 mph (137 kmh) speed limits—the highest in the country!



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Fact Card 1: When did Texas become a state?

Fact Card 2: What is the state nickname for Texas?

Fact Card 3: What is Texas's state motto?



Fact Card 6: What is the most populous city in Texas? About how many people live there?

Fact Card 7: About how many people live in San Antonio?

Fact Card 8: What is the third-most populous city in Texas?

Fact Card 9: In terms of area and population, Texas is the...

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Fact Card 10: What is one of Texas's three federally recognized Native American tribes?

Fact Card 11: Where and when was Juneteenth first celebrated?

Fact Card 12: What are two things Texas has more of than any other state?



Fact Card 15: What is the official state flower of Texas?

Fact Card 16: Which side of the Texas state seal has flags in its design?

Fact Card 17: Name all the national parks in Texas.

Fact Card 18: What is the highest speed limit anywhere in the United States?

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Fact Card 1: When did Texas become a state?

December 29, 1845

Fact Card 2: What is the state nickname for Texas?



Fact Card 9: In terms of area and population, Texas is the...

second largest state

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Fact Card 10: What is one of Texas's three federally recognized Native American tribes?

Accept any: Alabama-Coushatta; Kickapoo; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Fact Card 11: Where and when was Juneteenth first celebrated?

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Fact Card 18: What is the highest speed limit anywhere in the United States?

85 mph (137 kmh)