

Texas and Texans
Comprehension Questions Chapter 14

1. Define these key terms:
 - 1) Legislature: _____
 - 2) Amend: _____
 - 3) Convention: _____
 - 4) Cede: _____
 - 5) Abolitionist: _____
 - 6) Census: _____
 - 7) Teamster: _____

2. The Constitution of 1845 provided the following positions to govern Texas. How long could each official serve for when elected?
 - 1) Governor: _____ Years; How many terms in a row: _____ Terms
 - 2) Texas House of Representatives: _____ Years
 - 3) Texas State Senators: _____ Years

3. What were the requirements to become a governor of Texas?

4. Who was the first governor of Texas? _____

5. What kept members of early Texas legislature busy?

6. What political party did most early Texas leaders join and why?

7. What political party represented farmers and laborers? _____

8. What political party represented business/company owners? _____

9. What party attempted to keep new immigrants from voting and influenced the policies of the Democratic Party? _____

10. Name two groups unable to vote in Texas at this time:
 - 1) _____ and 2) _____

11. What steps did the federal government take to prevent clashes between Native Americans and settlers?
1) _____
2) _____
12. Name 3 reasons why the reservation system was never successful?
1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
13. What Native tribes continued to attack settlers in Texas?

14. What ultimately happened to most Native Americans in Texas?

15. Name 4 causes of the Mexican-American war:
1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
16. Under the terms of the Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty, Mexico abandoned all claims to _____ and accepted the _____ as the border between the US and Mexico. Mexico also ceded all land between _____ and the _____ to the US and the US paid Mexico _____ and agreed to pay the claims of _____ citizens against Mexico.
17. A dispute was also settled between Texas and New Mexico where Texas gave the land that included Santa Fe to New Mexico and the US gave Texas _____, which allowed Texas to pay off its debts.
18. What did "GTT" stand for at this time? _____
19. What three factors attracted thousands to Texas during the 1840's and 1850's? 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____.
20. Most new arrivals in Texas came from the _____.

21. Most Mexican Americans in Texas lived in _____ .
Some of the ways they were employed were: _____ .

23. Although Mexican Americans such as _____ and _____ made worthwhile contributions to Texas history, many Mexican Americans also experienced much hostility and prejudice during this time as a result of bitterness over the battles at _____ and _____. Also, many _____ held _____ desired by the _____.

24. Name 8 European people groups that helped to settle Texas during this period:

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| 1) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 8) _____ |

25. These various groups contributed to Texas culture in what areas?

26. What Native Tribes were given lands for reservations within Texas that continue even today?

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| 1) Tribes: _____ | Reservation Location: _____ |
| 2) Tribes: _____ | Reservation Location: _____ |