

LESSON 10

Annexation Debate to State

- *Annexation*
- 1845–1860

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 3, 21, 22, 23

7 - 4, 21, 22, 23

8 - 6, 29, 30

STAAR

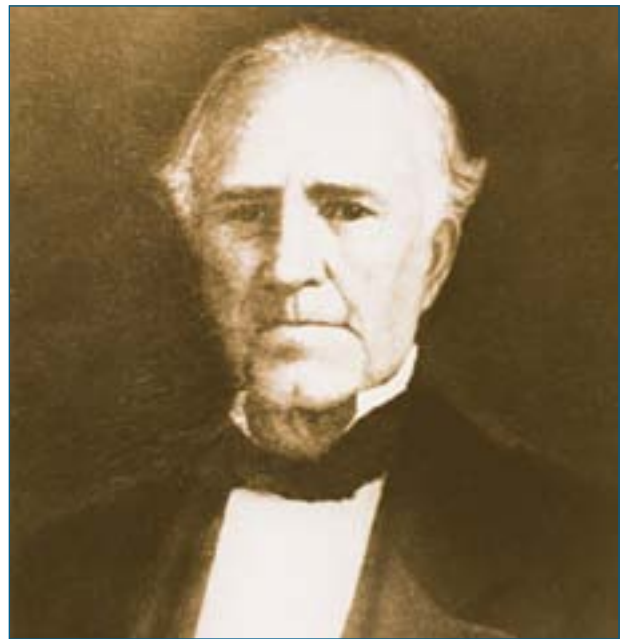
4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

4, 7, 8 - Reading - 1, 2, 3

8 - Social Studies - 1

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Using the “Annexation” section and the Six-Tab Book (Appendix), students will create a book on the annexation of Texas. On the tabs, students will write these names: Andrew Jackson, Sam Houston, Isaac Van Zandt, John Tyler, James K. Polk, and Anson Jones. Under each tab, they will describe each person’s role in the annexation. On the back of each tab, students will illustrate the person or event described. In the upper corner of the page, students will then rank the individuals in their booklet from 1–5, (1 being the most important to Annexation, 5 being the least.) On a separate sheet of paper, students must explain why they believe each individual deserved the ranking they were given.
2. Students will write a letter to the newspaper editor, supporting or opposing the annexation of Texas, using the “Annexation” section. In their letter they must select a pretend occupation of someone who lived in Texas in 1845. (Examples: students might choose to be a farmer, a merchant, a government employee, a Texas Ranger, or a member of clergy.) They have to decide if that person was for or against Annexation and then try to persuade their fellow Texans to their side.
3. Create a political cartoon from the point of view of a citizen of the United States during the Texas Annexation debate. Students will show understanding of the reasons why the citizens were not as eager to add Texas to the Union. Use Index title, “Annexation.”
4. Using the “Annexation” and “1845–1860” sections, students will complete the **Early Statehood Word Puzzle**.



During his second term as president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston renewed negotiations to annex.

Early Statehood Word Puzzle

1. In 1845, the United States went to war with _____.
2. One of the first encounters of the War with Mexico took place at _____.
3. The _____ of 1850 settled Texas' public debt and land disputes.
4. _____ was president of the United States during the War with Mexico.
5. The first whites to push the frontier into west Central Texas were from _____.
6. General Winfield _____ led the capture of Mexico City in 1847.
7. The United States acquired the American _____ after the War with Mexico.
8. _____ was the leader of the German immigrants to Texas.
9. General _____ commanded the United States army troops in Texas in 1845.
10. The disputed area was south of the _____ River.
11. The Treaty of Guadalupe _____ ended the War with Mexico.
12. _____ was the largest money crop in Texas.
13. People such as _____ dominated elections during early statehood.
14. After the War with Mexico, the _____ became the boundary between the United States and Mexico.

Early Statehood Word Puzzle

1. ____ E ____ _

2. ____ A ____ _

3. ____ _ R ____ _

4. ____ L ____

5. ____ _ Y ____ _

6. S ____ _

7. ____ _ T ____ _

8. ____ _ A ____ _

9. T ____ _

10. ____ _ E ____ _

11. H ____ _

12. ____ O ____ _

13. ____ O ____ _

14. ____ _ D ____ _

