

LESSON 14

Depression to Prosperity

- 1900–1920
- *KKK and Minorities*
- *Depression Years*
- *The New Deal*
- *World War II*
- *Conservatives vs. Liberals*
- *Technological Growth*
- *The Assassination*
- *Sharpstown Scandal*
- *Prosperity*

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Students will complete the **History Mystery Picture Puzzle**, using the “1900–1920” to “World War II” sections. Students will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. If it is true, connect the numbers indicated by the “T.” If it is false, connect the numbers indicated by the “F.” If the answers are correct, students will easily recognize the mystery picture that emerges.
2. Students will assume the role of a minority living in Texas in the 1920s. They will write a journal entry that reflects their feelings as to how they are treated, what changes they would like to see, and if they believe the “new” organizations will really help.
3. Students will read the “Conservatives vs. Liberals” to “The Assassination” sections and complete the chronology and timeline activities. Use the events in the **Timeline of Texas in the Twentieth Century**.
 - a. Determine the year in which each of these events occurred.
 - b. Write the year of each event in the blank.
 - c. Create an illustrated timeline, with a symbol, illustration, or picture for each of these events.

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 5, 12, 21

7 - 7, 12, 21

8 - 29

STAAR

4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

4, 7, 8 - Reading - 2

A dust storm plows through Spearman in Hansford County on April 14, 1935. Photo courtesy of the NOAA Historic National Weather Service Collection/MCT.

History Mystery Picture Puzzle

1. The highway system was developed during Pat M. Neff's administration.
T - 36 to 43
F - 24 to 44
2. Texas Tech University is located in El Paso.
T - 42 to 46
F - 16 to 17
3. Discontent developed between urban and rural areas in Texas.
T - 13 to 19
F - 5 to 9
4. The Ku Klux Klan had no support in Texas.
T - 26 to 32
F - 60 to 66
5. In 1924, Jim Ferguson ran for re-election as governor.
T - 68 to 73
F - 49 to 50
6. The NAACP was organized to help minorities seek their civil rights.
T - 69 to 70
F - 67 to 79
7. LULAC was organized in Midland.
T - 39 to 54
F - 47 to 58
8. The United States Supreme Court upheld the all-white primary.
T - 29 to 30
F - 4 to 7
9. The Ku Klux Klan lost power after the 1924 election.
T - 76 to 77
F - 56 to 62
10. Emma Grigsby Meharg was Texas' first woman secretary of state.
T - 25 to 31
F - 22 to 27
11. Dan Moody worked at changing Texas' image as an anti-business state.
T - 70 to 76
F - 1 to 2
12. Texas gave its electoral votes to Al Smith in 1928.
T - 53 to 65
F - 2 to 3
13. Through the 1920s, oil did not dominate the state's economic life.
T - 55 to 62
F - 51 to 63
14. Irrigation and mechanization opened the South Plains to cotton growing.
T - 35 to 36
F - 8 to 10
15. Agricultural prices were declining toward the end of the decade.
T - 54 to 55
F - 10 to 13
16. Texas business did not suffer during the Depression.
T - 15 to 21
F - 61 to 62

History Mystery Picture Puzzle (continued)

17. The glut of new oil drove market prices down.
T - 39 to 45
F - 1 to 6
18. The Texas Railroad Commission tried to control oil production.
T - 64 to 69
F - 54 to 59
19. The oil boom helped East Texas weather the Depression better than other parts of the state.
T - 58 to 64
F - 74 to 75
20. Texas did not want assistance from the federal government to provide relief from the effects of the Depression.
T - 37 to 43
F - 16 to 35
21. Prohibition and local-option laws were repealed in 1933.
T - 38 to 48
F - 60 to 61
22. Many Texas banks failed during the Depression.
T - 50 to 55
F - 7 to 18
23. In Washington, Texans played an important role in shaping Roosevelt's New Deal.
T - 2 to 17
F - 70 to 71
24. Soil erosion was a major problem during the days of the Dust Bowl.
T - 3 to 4
F - 13 to 14
25. The New Deal brought an end to the Depression.
T - 60 to 67
F - 66 to 77
26. A pay-as-you-go amendment was added to the state constitution in 1942.
T - 7 to 10
F - 59 to 66
27. Most Texans opposed involvement in World War II.
T - 22 to 23
F - 31 to 39
28. Audie Murphy became one of the most decorated soldiers of the war.
T - 43 to 47
F - 40 to 41
29. During the 1940s, the state's population was changing from rural to urban.
T - 45 to 49
F - 52 to 63
30. Texas leaders feared the development of new industries.
T - 18 to 24
F - 19 to 25

History Mystery Picture Puzzle (continued)

11 · 27 · 57 ·

15 · 21 · 34 · 42 · 51 ·

16 · 28 · 35 · 46 · 63 · 73 ·

5 · 22 · 38 · 47 · 52 · 68 · 74 ·

1 · 9 · 29 · 36 · 43 · 58 · 64 · 69 ·

12 · 23 · 37 · 44 · 53 · 65 · 70 · 75 ·

6 · 17 · 30 · 45 · 59 · 71 · 76 · 77 ·

2 · 18 · 24 · 31 · 38 · 48 · 54 · 66 · 78 ·

3 · 4 · 7 · 10 · 25 · 39 · 49 · 55 · 67 · 72 · 79 ·

8 · 13 · 19 · 20 · 26 · 32 · 40 · 41 · 50 · 56 · 60 · 61 · 62 ·



Timeline of Texas in the Twentieth Century

Step 1 Directions: Place the following events in the order that they occurred using the “Conservatives vs. Liberals” through the “The Assassination” sections. Student will write the date of each event in the blank next to the event.

- _____ The integrated circuit that became the central part of the computer was developed and patented.
- _____ President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.
- _____ Texas voters participated in their first presidential primary.
- _____ Curtis Graves, Barbara Jordan, and Joe Lockridge were the first blacks to serve in the Texas Legislature since 1898.
- _____ The French ship SS *Grandcamp* exploded at Texas City.
- _____ Segregation in schools was ruled unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.
- _____ Lyndon B. Johnson was elected President of the United States.
- _____ According to the U.S. Census, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio were listed among the ten largest cities in the nation.
- _____ Lyndon B. Johnson was elected vice president of the United States.
- _____ Texans elected their first Republican governor since Reconstruction.
- _____ The state’s first broad-based sales tax was created.
- _____ The “Tidelands issue” caused Texas to support the Republicans in the presidential election.

Step 2 Directions: On a separate sheet of paper students will create an illustrated timeline with the following:

- a) Date of the event
- b) Description of event
- c) Symbol, illustration or picture of each event
- d) Ranking from 1–12 (1 being the most important event on the timeline that made the biggest impact on Texas, the United States, and the world, and 12 being the least important.)