

# LESSON 22

## Counties of Texas

- 254 Counties in Texas
- History, Maps, Statistics

### SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 6, 7, 8, 12, 21, 22, 23

7 - 8, 9, 12, 21, 22, 23

8 - 10, 12, 29, 30

### STAAR

4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

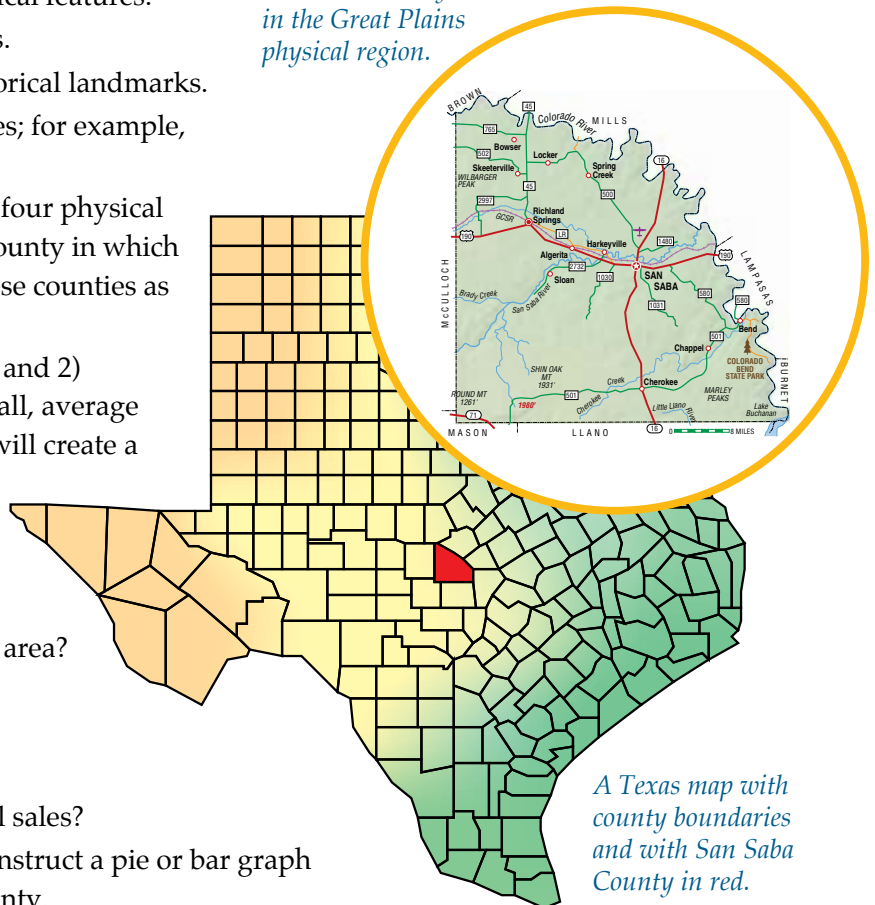
4, 7, 8 - Reading - 1, 2, 3

8 - Social Studies - 2, 4

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Students will use the foldout map and “Counties of Texas” section to complete these activities.
  - a. On an 8.5 X 11 sheet of plain paper, draw an outline of the county in which you live.
  - b. Locate and label the county seat.
  - c. Draw and label the important physical features.
  - d. Draw and label the major highways.
  - e. Draw and label any significant historical landmarks.
  - f. Draw and label any noteworthy sites; for example, airports, military bases, and parks.
2. Select one county from each of the other four physical regions of Texas. Compare them to the county in which you live by creating maps for each of these counties as you did for your county (see number 1).
3. Rank these four counties (see numbers 1 and 2) according to population, land area, rainfall, average weekly wage, and retail sales. Students will create a chart reflecting this information and then answer these questions.
  - a. Which county has the greatest population?
  - b. Which county has the greatest land area?
  - c. Which county has the least rainfall?
  - d. Which county, 1 or 2, has the greater weekly wage?
  - e. Which county, 3 or 4, has less retail sales?
4. Using the four counties, students will construct a pie or bar graph reflecting the race/ethnicity for each county.
5. Using information from individual counties and an enlarged copy of the “Texas County Map” (Appendix), the class will create a collage on Texas counties. The collage should include physical features, economic activities, recreation, and agricultural products.

*San Saba County is in the Great Plains physical region.*



*A Texas map with county boundaries and with San Saba County in red.*

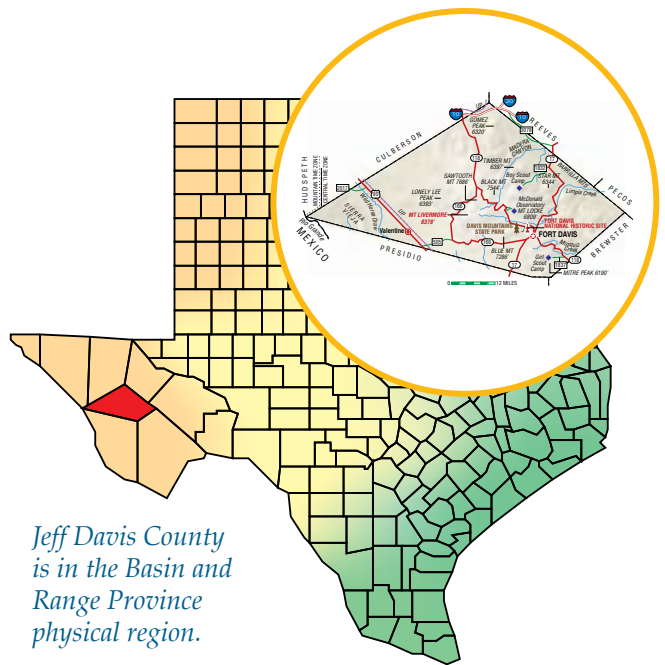
6. On a “Texas County Map (Appendix), students will color the 30 counties with the largest populations. Use the map and chart titled “Metropolitan Statistical Areas” as a guide and the population figures contained in each county article. Select a county from each of the four physical regions of Texas and use information from individual county articles as a reference to answer these questions and complete this activity.

- a. What natural resources might have attracted people to those counties?
- b. What forms of transportation are available to those living in these areas?
- c. Write a paragraph describing three factors that have contributed to the growth of one of these counties.

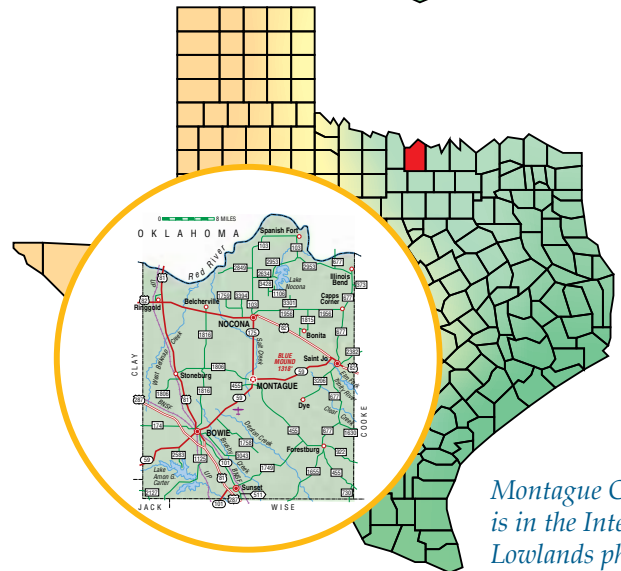
7. Students should select a county and from the information provided, write a persuasive essay that would encourage readers to move to that county.

8. a. Using information from the individual county articles and working in pairs, students will complete **Clever Cities and Teasing Towns** to determine the city or town that matches the clues.
- b. Using the individual county articles, students will create their own clues to identify other cities and towns in Texas.

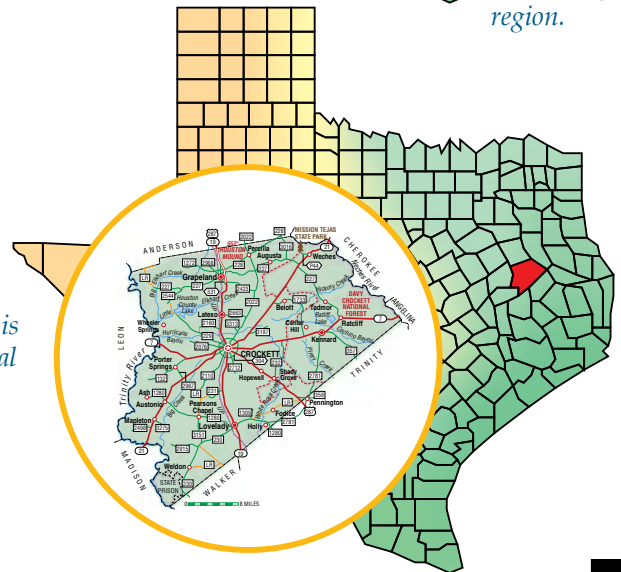
9. Students will complete the **Texas Counties Word Search**, using information from the “Counties” section or the specific county name. Students should fill in the blanks first and then use these items to complete the word search.



*Jeff Davis County is in the Basin and Range Province physical region.*



*Montague County is in the Interior Lowlands physical region.*



*Houston County is in the Gulf Coastal Plains physical region.*

## Clever Cities and Teasing Towns

COUNTY	CLUE	CITY
1. Angelina	Play in baseball	_____
2. Bailey	Animal footwear	_____
3. Bell	Brand of cupcake	_____
4. Bosque	Final funeral message	_____
5. Brewster	26.2-mile race	_____
6. Caldwell	Salt water tree	_____
7. Callahan	Brand of bread	_____
8. Cherokee	Voice in a choir	_____
9. Coleman	Spider town	_____
10. Concho	Biblical garden	_____
11. Coryell	Breakfast food	_____
12. Culberson	Spanish word for wolf	_____
13. Denton	Think about	_____
14. Dimmit	Season safe spot	_____
15. El Paso	Actor Eastwood	_____
16. Fisher	Tweety's enemy	_____
17. Franklin	George Washington's home	_____
18. Galveston	Chummy trees	_____
19. Gonzales	Landed at Plymouth Rock	_____
20. Grayson	Lucy's best friend	_____
21. Hamilton	Tinkerbell	_____
22. Hardin	Water making your mouth pucker	_____
23. Hays	Leaking water	_____
24. Hill	Peaceful high ground	_____
25. Hutchinson	Brand of potato chip	_____



## Clever Cities and Teasing Towns

COUNTY	CLUE	CITY
26. Jackson	Spanish Christmas	_____
27. Jones	Man's formal attire	_____
28. Kaufman	Red Muppet	_____
29. Kent	White bear	_____
30. Kleberg	Royal city	_____
31. Lee	Two nickels in a container	_____
32. Madison	A president's town	_____
33. Matagorda	Grace at meal	_____
34. Motley	Bullfighter	_____
35. Nacogdoches	Crazy town	_____
36. Panola	Fourths of a European nation	_____
37. Presidio	Automobile make and color	_____
38. Red River	Hurt appendage	_____
39. Rockwall	Destiny	_____
40. San Jacinto	Hit center of target	_____
41. Stephens	Must have	_____
42. Swisher	Gleeful	_____
43. Travis	Cartoon cat	_____
44. Upshur	Fasten	_____
45. Van Zandt	Type of vehicle	_____
46. Ward	Kings and queens	_____
47. Wilson	Multiple trees	_____
48. Wise	Colored wood	_____
49. Young	Cares very much	_____
50. Zapata	High-flying bird	_____



## Texas Counties Word Search

1. Fort \_\_\_\_\_, established in 1849, is located in Hill County.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the county seat of Ector County.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ National Grassland is located in Dallam County.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ River forms the southern boundary of Brown County.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the county seat of Aransas County.
6. Part of the \_\_\_\_\_ National Forest is located in Nacogdoches County.
7. In Sabine County, the town of \_\_\_\_\_ is located south of Sexton.
8. Terrell County was created in 1905 from \_\_\_\_\_ County.
9. An airport in Williamson County is located north of the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ National Historic Site is located in Cameron County north of Brownsville.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ Railroad goes through Culberson County.
12. Fayette County was named for a hero of the \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette.
13. Kimble County is named for George C. Kimble, who died at the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Texas State \_\_\_\_\_ is located in San Marcos in Hays County.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ missions were built in Nacogdoches County in 1716.
16. The capital city, \_\_\_\_\_, is located in Travis County.
17. Navarro County is named for Jose Antonio Navarro, a leader during the \_\_\_\_\_ of Texas.
18. Taylor County is named for Edward, \_\_\_\_\_, and George Taylor, heroes of the Alamo.
19. The county seat of Potter County is \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Old Fort \_\_\_\_\_ is located near Marfa in Presidio County.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ Indians lived in Refugio County.
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ River flows through Roberts County.
23. Austin County is named for Stephen F. Austin, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Texas.
24. Fort \_\_\_\_\_ is located in El Paso County.
25. Oil, \_\_\_\_\_, and caliche productions are important minerals found in Jim Wells County.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Indians abandoned present-day Red River County in the 1790s.
27. Ellis County is named for Richard Ellis, president of the convention that declared Texas' \_\_\_\_\_.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ Canyon State Park is located in Randall County.
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ River forms the eastern boundary of Orange County.
30. Maverick County is named for Samuel Maverick, whose name is now a synonym for unbranded \_\_\_\_\_.

# Texas Counties Word Search

S O C E P  
 R D K I T  
 C E V T Y  
 Y S S A G  
 T S D R Q  
 I A R J Y B L I S S  
 S R V I C Y W O R U D O L A P  
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