

# LESSON 2

## Symbols of Texas

- *State Flags and Symbols*
- *Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals, 2010 and 2011*

### SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 16, 19, 21, 22, 23

7 - 16, 19, 21, 22, 23

8 - 23, 29, 30

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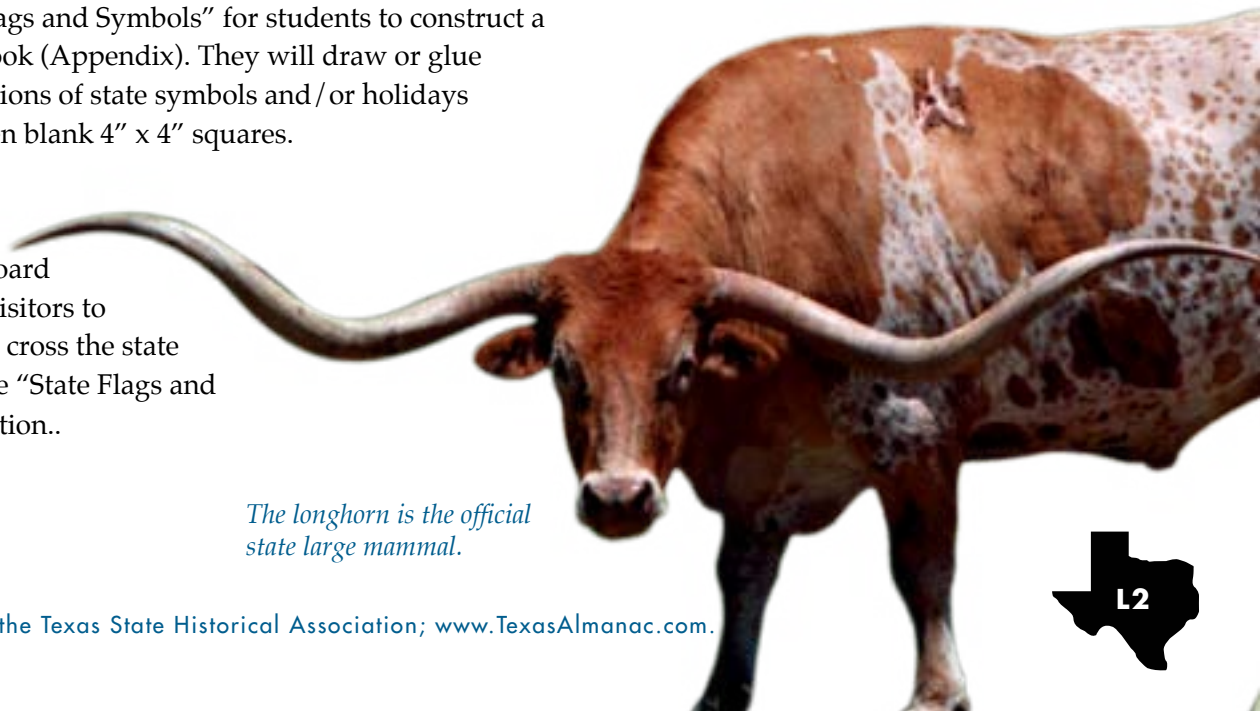
4, 7, 8 - Reading - 1, 3

8 - Social Studies - 2

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Students will complete the **State Symbols Word Search** using “State Flags and Symbols” and “Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals” sections. Students should fill in the blanks first and then use these terms to complete the word search.
2. Students will complete the **State Symbols Crossword Puzzle**.
3. Using information in “State Flags and Symbols,” students will create their own design for the reverse side of the State Seal.
4.
  - a. Students will role-play proper usage of the Texas Flag. For additional information, see <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/flagcode.html>.
  - b. In small groups, students will brainstorm and produce a word web showing reasons why rules were passed by the Legislature to promote the correct usage of the Texas Flag.
  - c. Students will conduct a community service project in which they will observe and report on violations of the Texas Flag Code. Students will present information on flag usage at their site visitations.
  - d. Students will create, design, and color what they consider to be the next state symbol.
5. Using the “Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals” section, students will make a calendar of holidays, anniversaries, and festivals in Texas. They may then illustrate the calendar using state symbols from the “State Flags and Symbols” section or of their own design.
6. Use “State Flags and Symbols” for students to construct a Mini-Scrapbook (Appendix). They will draw or glue color illustrations of state symbols and/or holidays to the eighteen blank 4” x 4” squares.
7. Students will create a colorful billboard to welcome visitors to Texas as they cross the state line, using the “State Flags and Symbols” section..

*The longhorn is the official state large mammal.*



## State Symbols Word Search

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the building shown on the back of the State Seal.
2. In Spanish, the \_\_\_\_\_ is called “el conejo.”
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the State Gem.
4. The flag designed by David G. \_\_\_\_\_ had a gold star.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is on the back of the State Seal to represent the Battle of Gonzales.
6. The flag of the \_\_\_\_\_ of America was used from 1861 to 1865.
7. In 1977, chili was selected as the State \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is a State Holiday observed on June 19.
9. Guadalupe bass was selected as the State \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In 1991, the State Legislature selected the square dance as the State \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ flag flew over Texas from 1685 to 1690.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is the State Motto.
13. In 1993, the Texas red \_\_\_\_\_ was selected as the State Fruit.
14. Texas \_\_\_\_\_ is observed on March 2.
15. August 27, the birthday of Lyndon B. \_\_\_\_\_, is a State Holiday.
16. Texas is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ State.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ flag flew over Texas from 1821 to 1836.
18. In 1927, the \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen as the State Bird.
19. “Texas \_\_\_\_\_” are words shown on the back of the State Seal.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the State Tree.
21. The flag of the \_\_\_\_\_ is the same as the present state flag.
22. A State Holiday observed on April 21 is \_\_\_\_\_.
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ flag flew over Texas from 1519 to 1685 and 1692 to 1821.
24. In January, Texans observe Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday as a \_\_\_\_\_.
25. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” is the State Song.
26. The words on the front of the State Seal are “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”.
27. The flag of the \_\_\_\_\_ is to be flown to the viewer’s left.
28. Lorenzo de \_\_\_\_\_ may have designed an early Texas flag.



# State Symbols Word Search

R A B L U E T O P A Z J Z B C U H P V W C L I D U S I W B  
 R H I S K E F U W C R M Y J T I U R F E P A R G O Y E W S  
 O A W Q E Z W K X C H H S I F Z V H O E Z N H N L I M I W  
 F S E E P T C J W B U N I T E D S T A T E S E W H T V R V  
 S T B I T Q A S G C A L U H B J Y Y O H J A C R P Z I E D  
 V A L M Z T D T K E M A N C I P A T I O N D A Y B R I J T  
 G T H R Y R C K S W I X P S G F M F H D O H Z D E Y R U K  
 N E K X Y S C M B E Z S Z N A N S N I W H R F P T A P H L  
 V H B K R A F H N G T U V T D G S N K J P R U E W D H R P  
 H O L L A X M O V K H A N G H O D U V T I B X D G O K J P  
 W L U H T E O R L P H L R C N I V K H E L A N G U T V T D  
 G I E K S T C S J K P W N E V H N R N I S P H L T N V K H  
 N D B G E F K P U V D E T I D O D D C O G K J E N I P W H  
 R A O P N O I A H L R A S V N E S O U K H N N A O C G U V  
 T Y N D O E N N G F K I N N J H F R P W H R C M R A Z P H  
 L V N K L T G I H N B G A C I T T N U V U E A T H J A D G  
 K J E P W A B S H L R C P P E E H L O B P L V K S N V H N  
 G U T V T T I H E D G K J X X P W H R C A P H L I A A V K  
 H N G U V S R T D G K J A A P W N A C I X E M H D S L R P  
 H L V K H E D N G U V S S T D G K J P W H R P H L V A K H  
 N G U V T H D G K J P Y A D E C N E D N E P E D N I W H R  
 P H L V K T H N G U V T D G K J P W H R P H L V K H N G U



## State Symbols Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS CLUES

1. He is thought to have designed a flag with a blue field and white star.
4. His flag had a gold star.
5. Guadalupe bass is the State \_\_\_\_\_.
9. It is the State Flower.
10. The building shown on the back of the State Seal is the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. It is the State Motto.
12. Texas Independence Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ 2.
15. It is the State Gem.
16. This tree branch is shown on the front of the State Seal.
17. His birthday is a state holiday observed in August.
18. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is a state holiday observed in \_\_\_\_\_.

### DOWN CLUES

2. Texas is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ State.
3. It is a tree branch shown on the front of the State Seal.
6. It is the State Tree.
7. It is the State Song.
8. It is the State Bird.
10. San Jacinto Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ 21.
13. It is the State Dish.
14. It is on the back of the State Seal to represent the Battle of Gonzales.



# State Symbols Crossword Puzzle

