LESSON 25

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Population in Texas

- Population History of Counties, 1850–2010
- Population History of Selected Cities, 1850–2000

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 6, 8, 21, 22, 23

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STAAR

4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

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

8 - Social Studies - 2

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

- 1. **POPULATION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK:** Students will **answer the questions** on the **Student Activity Sheet** regarding **county populations** from the **downloadable chart** "Population History of Counties, 1850–2010" at: http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/population.
- **2. COLOR-CODED COUNTIES MAP:** Using a **Texas Counties Map** (*see* Appendix) and the most recent census data on "Population History of Counties, 1850–2010" at:

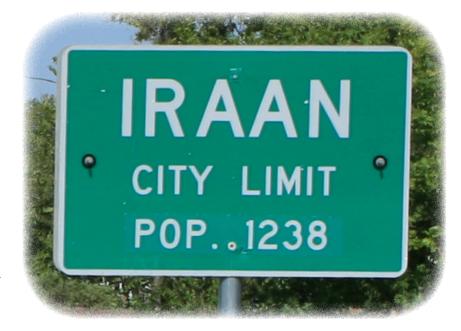
http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/population

students will **color code counties** according to these population categories:

- 1,000,000 and over
- 500,000 to 999,999
- 100,000 to 499,999
- 50,000 to 99,999
- 1,000 to 49,999
- 0 to 999

Ask the students to **create a key** for the population categories on their map.

3. GRAPH & ARTICLE: Students will use "Population History of Selected Cities, 1850–2000" from http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/population and a blank grid (*see* Appendix).



They will select their hometown or a city in their county and **construct a line graph** reflecting the population changes from 1850 to 2000.

Upon completion of the line graph, students will **write an article** for *Texas Highways* magazine discussing the reasons for the population changes. Encourage students to find other references for their article, such as town articles in the **Handbook of Texas Online** or other articles.

STUDENT ACTIVITY

Population Fill-in-the Blank

Answer these questions about county populations from the downloadable chart "Population History of Counties, 1850–2010" at:

http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/population.

a.	The population of Atascosa County in 1940 was approximately
	times its population in 1890.
b.	The population of Comal County was twice as much in 1970 as it was in
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c.	Was the population of Ector County in 1920 less than or more than the
	population of Gillespie County in the same year?
d.	How many more people were there in Irion County in 2000 than there
	were in 1890?
e.	Which county had the largest population in 2010?
f.	In what year did the population of Limestone County decrease for the
	first time?
g.	The population of Runnels County decreased by approximately 3,700
	between what two census counts?
h.	The population of Uvalde County in 2010 was approximately
	times the population of Wheeler County.