

LESSON 2

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Symbols of Texas

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

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

- 1. WORD SEARCH:** Students will complete the **State Symbols Word Search** using the state flags and state symbols sections in the front of the Texas Almanac and “Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals,” which can be found in the Culture section. Students should fill in the blanks first and then use these terms to complete the word search.
- 2. CROSSWORD PUZZLE:** Students will complete the **State Symbols Crossword Puzzle**.
- 3. REVERSE OF STATE SEAL DESIGN:** Using information in the state flags and state symbols sections, students will **create their own design** for the **reverse side of the State Seal**.
- 4. STATE FLAG USAGE & STATE SYMBOL DESIGN:**
 - a. Students will **role-play** proper usage of the Texas Flag. For additional information, see <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/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. CALENDAR OF TEXAS HOLIDAYS:** Using the “Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals” section, students will **make a calendar** of holidays, anniversaries, and festivals in Texas and then illustrate the calendar using state flags and symbols sections or their own designs.
- 6. MINI-SCRAPBOOK:** Students will find ideas in the state flags and state symbols sections to construct a **Mini-Scrapbook** (Appendix). They will draw or glue color illustrations of state symbols and/or holidays to mini-book pages.
- 7. BILLBOARD:**

Students will create a **colorful billboard** to welcome visitors to Texas as they cross the state line, using the state flags and state symbols sections.

The longhorn is the state large mammal (1995).

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 16, 19, 21, 22, 23

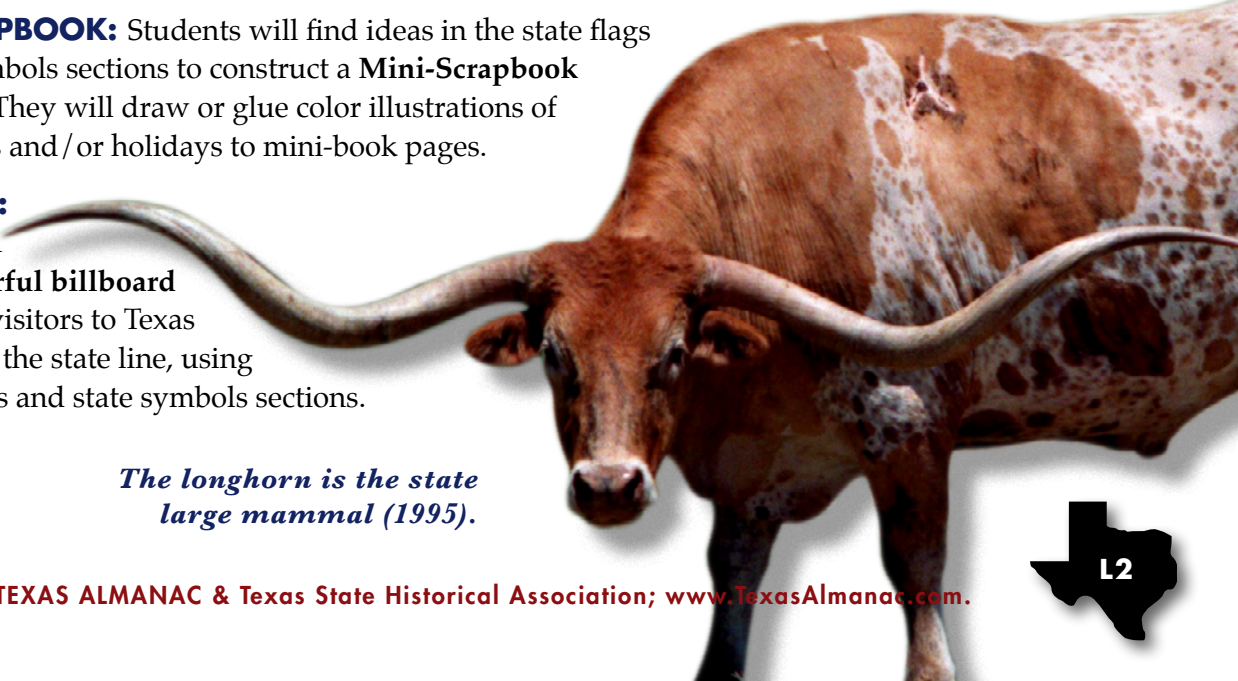
7 - 16, 19, 21, 22, 23

8 - 23, 29, 30

STAAR

4, 7, 8 - Reading - 1, 3

8 - Social Studies - 2



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STUDENT ACTIVITY

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 _____ in 1989.
10. In 1991, the State Legislature selected the square dance as the State _____.
11. The _____ flag flew over Texas from 1685 to 1690.
12. _____ was designated the State Motto in 1930.
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 current state flag.
22. A state holiday observed on April 21 is _____.
23. The _____ flag flew over Texas from 1519 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.

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STUDENT ACTIVITY



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
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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
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State Symbols Crossword Puzzle

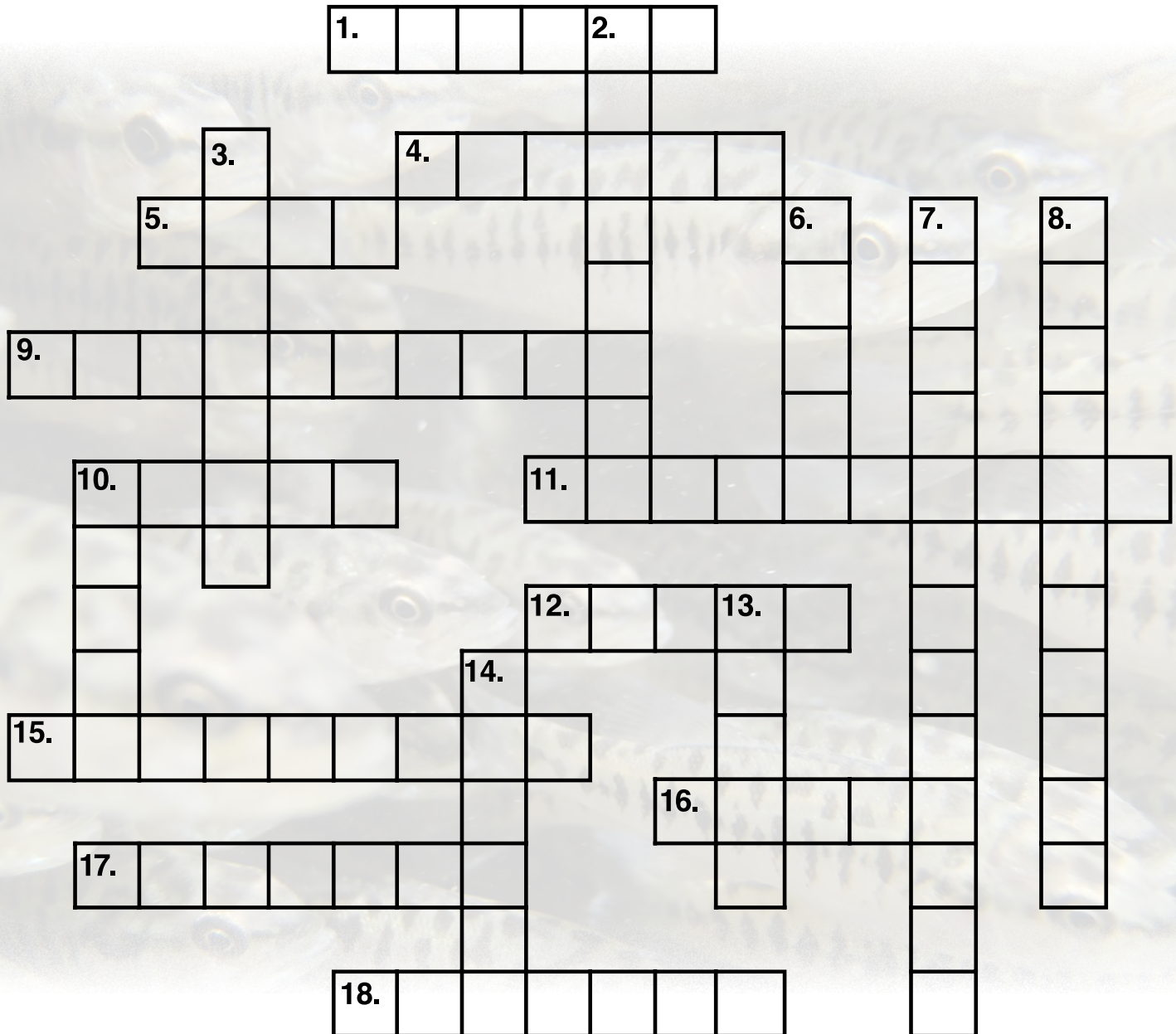
ACROSS CLUES

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:
_____.

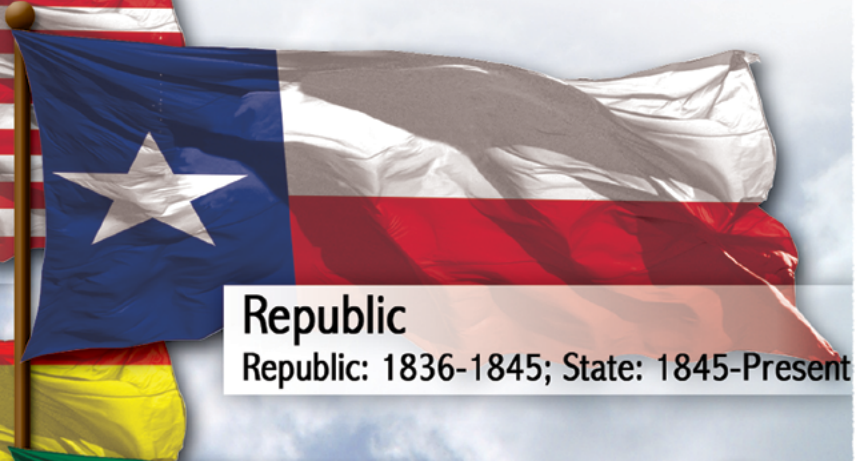
State Symbols Crossword Puzzle



FLAGS OF TEXAS



United States
1845-Present



Republic
Republic: 1836-1845; State: 1845-Present



Spain
1519-1821



Mexico
1821-1836



France
1685-1690



Confederate States of America
1861-1865