

LESSON 46

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. FINDING ANSWERS IN THE INDEX: Students will use the Index of any recent Texas Almanac to find the answers to these questions. Words in bold indicate the correct reference in the Index.

- What is the primary mountain range in the **Big Bend National Park**? _____
- What is the population of **Houston** (city), the largest city in Texas? _____
- Annexation of Texas** as the 28th state occurred on December 29 of what year? _____
- Many **Fairs, Festivals, and Special Events** occur in Texas. Which one would you most like to attend? Where and when does it occur? _____
- How many kinds of **rattlesnakes** can be found in Texas? _____
- You and your family would like to see the bats leaving the cave at dusk at the **Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area**. In what season of the year must you go? _____
- Make a hypothesis about which county receives the greatest economic impact from **tourism**. Which county did you choose? Why did you choose that county? Were you correct? _____

- In **Texas Public Schools**, how much is spent per student each year? _____
- The **assassination** of President John Kennedy occurred in Dallas on what date? _____
- There are various **boundary lines** in Texas. What is the total length (in miles) for these boundaries? _____
- The **National Forests** in Texas cover 637,472 acres in parts of how many counties? _____
- Which came to Texas first, professional **basketball** (*Texas Almanac 2010–2011*), professional **football** (*Texas Almanac 2012–2013*), or professional **baseball** (*Texas Almanac 2014–2015*)? All three articles appear at: <http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/sports/sports>. _____
- In what year was the Monarch butterfly designated a **state symbol**? _____
- Loving County** (profile) is the least-populated county in Texas. Its county seat is the only town in the county. What is the name of that town? _____
- Brewster County** (profile) is the largest county in land area and is almost as big as what two states combined? _____
- There are **temperature extremes** in Texas. What are the record high and low temperatures? _____

