

LESSON 6

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Colonial Texas

- *Spanish Rule*
- *The Demise of Spain*
- *American Immigrants*

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. **CARTOON:** Using the “Spanish Rule” and “The Demise of Spain” sections in “A Brief Sketch of Texas History” in the Texas Almanac, students will create a **one-panel cartoon** that illustrates the interactions and perspectives of the people involved in a Spanish mission. The cartoon should include at least two of these characters:

- an Indian receptive to accepting Spanish culture
- an Indian opposed to accepting Spanish culture
- a Spanish priest
- a Spanish soldier

Cartoons should include pictures and dialogue.

2. **OBITUARY:** Student pairs will create an **obituary for the decline of the Spanish Empire** using the “Spanish Rule” and “The Demise of Spain” sections. They should include dates, drawings, and a written explanation.
3. **TIMELINE:** Using “Spanish Rule” and “The Demise of Spain” sections, students will create and illustrate a **timeline**, including major events of Spanish rule and its decline.
4. **ADVERTISEMENT:** Using the “American Immigrants” section, students will create a print or visual **advertisement** encouraging American immigration to Texas.

CARTOON: Students will draw and write a caption for an **editorial cartoon** on immigration from the perspective of either the Indians or the Spanish.

5. **OUTLINE:** Students will be divided into groups and assigned one of these people: **Philip Nolan, Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin, a Cherokee Indian, an Anglo settler, or a Spanish official**. Each group will be given a student-size piece of butcher paper and markers. One person in the group will act as a model and lie down on the paper for members to trace his or her body outline.

Using the “American Immigrant” section and additional research, students will create a **biographical sketch and illustrations to decorate the outline**. They will present their outlines to the class.

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 1, 2, 14, 21, 22, 23

7 - 1, 2, 21, 23

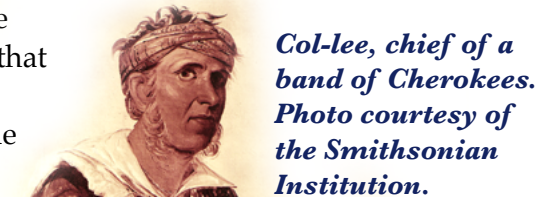
8 - 1, 2, 6, 23, 29, 30

STAAR

4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

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

8 - Social Studies - 1, 2



Col-lee, chief of a band of Cherokees. Photo courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution.

Statue of Moses Austin in San Antonio.

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