

LESSON 9

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Republic of Texas

- *Republic of Texas, 1836–1845*

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. **AUSTIN EPITAPH:** Students will write a **poem or statement** for Stephen F. Austin's headstone, including biographical data and major accomplishments.
2. **PROBLEMS OF THE REPUBLIC:** In small groups, students will be assigned one of these problems facing the Republic of Texas:
 - **Santa Anna,**
 - **Texas army**
 - **Annexation of Texas**
 - **Education**
 - **American Indian policies**
 - **Mexico**

Each group will research and present to the class information that includes **stating the problem, its causes, and its solution.** Class members will complete a **graphic organizer** containing two columns: one labeled "Problems" and one labeled "Solutions." Students will fill in information as each group reports.

3. **MEMORY GAME:** In pairs and using the "Republic of Texas, 1836–1845" section of "A Brief Sketch of Texas History" in the Texas Almanac, students will complete the **Remember the Republic Memory Game.**

The teacher will duplicate, cut, and shuffle the **Set 1 cards** for each pair of students. One student will separate the set face down on his or her desk.

The other student will select two cards in an attempt to match the person with the correct biographical information. If a match is made, those cards are removed from the desk. If there is no match, the selected cards are returned to the same location on the desk. The other student will perform the same task. Students will continue until all cards are matched correctly.

NOTE: Set 2 cards require students to complete the biographical information before cutting and matching.

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 3, 21, 22, 23

7 - 4, 21, 22, 23

8 - 6, 29, 30

STAAR

4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

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

8 - Social Studies - 1



A woodcut of Stephen F. Austin taken from the Texas Almanac 1858.

Remember the Republic Memory Game

SET 1

SAM HOUSTON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First elected president of the Republic of Texas• Advocate of Indian rights• Served twice as president (the second and fourth)
ANSON JONES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last president of the Republic of Texas• President of the Republic as Texas became a state
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Named the first Secretary of State• Died of pneumonia in December 1836• Known as the “Father of Texas”
MIRABEAU B. LAMAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Third president of the Republic of Texas• Known as the “Father of Education”• Negative attitude toward Indians
THOMAS J. RUSK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary of War• Dismissal of the army without pay

Remember the Republic Memory Game

SET 2

**ANDREW
JACKSON**

**ALBERT
SIDNEY
JOHNSTON**

**J. PINCKNEY
HENDERSON**

**JACK
HAYS**

**ALEXANDER
SOMERVELL**

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