



Unit 2: **Age of Contact**

Lesson 11: **Texas Today**

*The Rio Grande River
The Portal to Texas History*

Warm-up

Follow the directions below to complete your warm-up



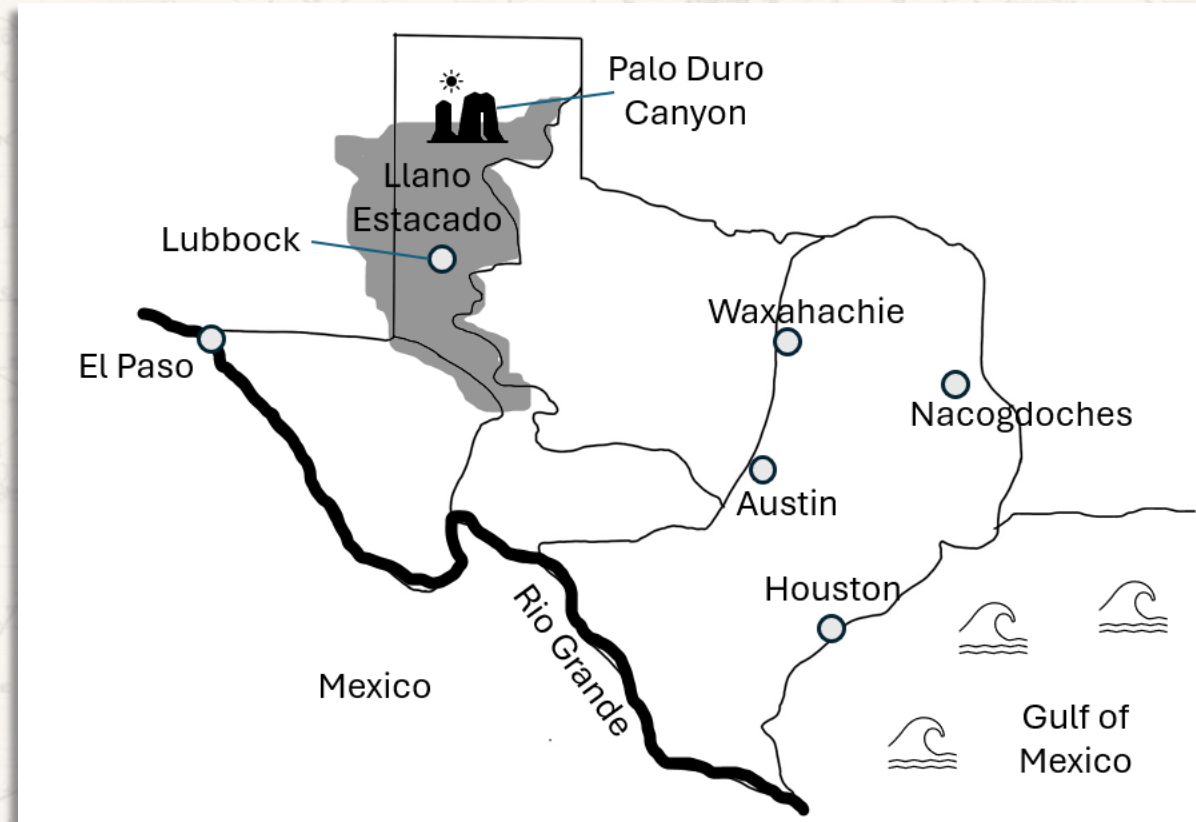
- Look at the map of some present-day geographic locations in Texas.



- What evidence do you see of Spanish or American Indian history, life, or culture based only on this map

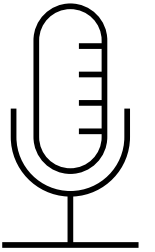


- Discuss with a partner.

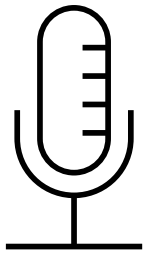


Share with the class:

I think _____ might show
evidence of **Spanish** culture
because _____



I think _____ might show
evidence of **American Indian**
culture because _____



Essential Question



What evidence can we see today of Spanish or American Indian culture and influence on Texas geography?

In Today's Lesson



- 1. We will** read short passages about various natural and human geographic features of Texas to identify Spanish and American Indian influence in modern Texas.
- 2. I will** use the clues and information in each passage to correctly label significant geographic features on a map of Texas.



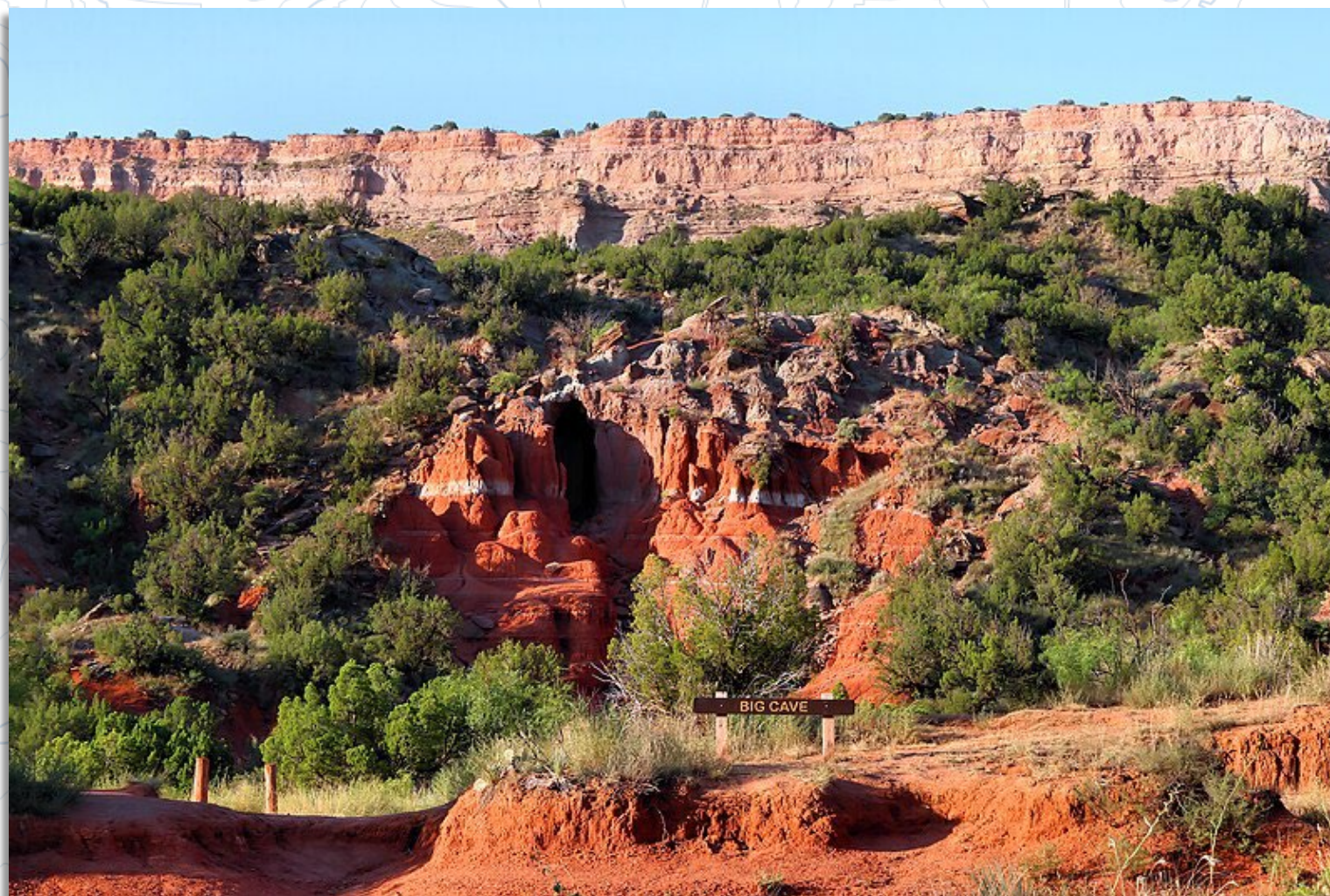
Llano Estacado



The northern edge of the Llano Estacado



Palo Duro Canyon



The entrance to Big Cave in Palo Duro Canyon

Larry D. Moore Photograph

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The Rio Grande



*The Rio Grande River in Santa Elena Canyon
Photograph by Evelyn Streng
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El Paso



Skyline view of El Paso, Texas by Carol Highsmith
Library of Congress

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Waxahachie



*The 1897 Ellis County Courthouse in Waxahachie, Texas
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Nacogdoches



*A photograph of the Stagecoach Inn founded in 1838
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Exit Ticket

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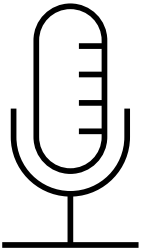
- Read the question to determine which TWO answers provide the most accurate response.



- Discuss with a partner.

Share with the class:

One example of **Spanish**
influence on Texas today
is _____



One example of **American
Indian** influence on Texas
today is _____

