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Warm-up

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Lesson

Responses below were taken from the Foundations level work and should be used as a guide for Grade Level and Advanced work.

Part I: Major Topics of the Era	**Main Topic**
The discovery of oil in Texas led to an increase in population, rapid urbanization, and the growth of manufacturing and industry in the state.	Oil Industry
Jim Crow laws continued practices like segregation and restricted the rights of Black Texans in many different ways, including transportation, education, housing, politics, and voting.	Jim Crow
People known as Progressives worked to get better conditions for workers, voting rights for women, improvements in education, and the abolition of alcohol. They believed these changes would improve society.	Progressivism
The Mexican Revolution took place from 1910 to 1920. It took the lives of approximately 1 million Mexican citizens, and many thousands fled to Texas and other states for safety. The U.S. stationed troops along the U.S.-Mexico border during the war.	Mexican Revolution
World War I took place primarily in Europe from 1914 to 1917. The U.S. remained neutral for most of the war, but German submarines still attacked U.S. ships in the Atlantic Ocean, angering many in Americans and ultimately causing the U.S. to join the war.	World War I
From 1918 to 1920, there was a worldwide epidemic of the Spanish flu. The outbreak affected 500 million people internationally. In the U.S., 500,000 died as a result of the flu.	Spanish Flu
The Texas government and politics experienced many challenges and changes during the era. The Democratic Party split over Progressive issues, Texas had its first woman governor, and some administrations were known for corruption.	Politics & Government

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PART II: PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

Information below provides an overview of key points from each primary source.

Source #: 1	Title: The Growth of Oil in East Texas

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
The oil industry in Texas grew as a result of the Spindletop discovery	• The Spindletop discovery kicked off the oil industry in Texas • Millions of dollars were invested in the oil industry after Spindletop • Many sites of oil wells are along the coast near ports which make shipping easy

Source #: 2	Title: Segregation and Jim Crow

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
Black Texans dealt with laws segregation and Jim Crow laws restricting their rights	• An article written by a Black Texan arguing against Jim Crow restrictions in schools, especially related to musical instruction. • The author voiced his opposition to Jim Crow restrictions in housing, transportation, school buildings, and other institutions.

Source #: 3	Title: Progressivism and the Labor Movement

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
The Progressive movement and its support of labor rights and protections.	• The author argues that Progressives must support the rights of labor to organize in unions and strike. • The author discusses challenging facing workers including low pay and job insecurity.

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Source #: 4	Title: Women's Suffrage

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
Women should gain the right to vote to ensure rights, freedom, and good conditions for all.	• The best way to ensure freedom and work for better conditions for all citizens is the right to vote. • Freedom can't exist when half the population can't vote.

Source #: 5	Title: The Mexican Revolution

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
The Mexican Revolution caused political turmoil in Mexico and affected Texans	• An American serviceman and pilot named Fred Perez served in Mexico during the Mexican Revolution. • Perez fought in four battles in Mexico City and was in the city when Mexican President Francisco Madero was executed.

Source #: 6	Title: World War I

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
German submarines were targeting the neutral ships of the U.S. during WWI	• German submarines were operating near America's territory, which was essentially a blockade of American ports. • Germany intends to attack ships helping the Allies, even ships of neutral countries.

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Source #: 7	Title: The Spanish Flu

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
The Spanish flu affected thousands of Americans and caused public places to close.	• The Spanish flu spread quickly throughout cities in the U.S. with thousands of new cases. • Advice for avoiding the disease included prohibiting large gatherings like church services, dances, and boarding houses.

Source #: 8	Title: The Impeachment of Gov. James Ferguson

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
Texas Governor James Ferguson was impeached for financial misconduct.	• Texas Governor James Ferguson was investigated, put on trial, and impeached by the Texas senate for accepting $156,500 as governor without disclosing where the money was from or that he had received it.

Source #: 9	Title: The Galveston Hurricane

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
The Galveston hurricane of 1900 destroyed Galveston and left the people to rebuild.	• This material is an image of a Galveston neighborhood after the hurricane of 1900. • There are a few houses still standing in the background. The street is filled with rubble, and a group of men stand on the rubble posing for the camera. The men volunteered to clear the rubble.

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Source #: 10	Title: Texas Political Divisions

Main Topic / Summary	Notes
Texas politics was divided during this era, especially over issues regarding candidates who were members of the Klan.	• Texans were divided over the 1925 candidates for governor. • The author believed it was better to support Miriam Ferguson than Felix Robertson because he was a known Klan member. • The author believed that if Robertson was elected, the government would be in the hands of the Klan and would no longer be free or constitutional.

Exit Ticket

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