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| **Primary Source Material 1** | Vocabulary |
| **“For a long time a great many people have been passing through my country; they kill all the game, and burn the country, and trouble me very much. The commissioners of our Great Father promised to keep these people out of our country. I believe our white brothers do not wish to run a line between us, because they wish to settle in this country. I object to any more settlements.”**   * A Quote from Chief Buffalo Hump of the Penateka Comanche Tribe. Account provided by Robert S. Neighbours, Special Indian Agent of the United States, in a letter to Colonel Medill, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. Printed in the *Telegraph and Texas Register,* Houston, Monday, September 13, 1847. The Portal to Texas History | ***Game***: Wild animals that are hunted for food  ***Commissioners of our Great Father:*** people from the American government  ***To run a line:*** To create a boundary  ***Object to***: oppose |

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| **Primary Source Material #2** | Vocabulary |
| “We unhesitatingly say that no spot in America offers such **inducements** to **capitalists**, or affords such local and general advantages for manufacturers of all sorts as *San Antonio de Bexar.* With the most enchanting country around it, and the most **salubrious** climate in the world – the finest cotton and wheat district on earth, with **myriads** of fine cattle and sheep grazing upon the hills, nothing, we say, can surpass it.”   * A book titled, “Rambles and Scrambles in Texas” which documents the experiences of a man named Frederic Benjamin Page as he traveled through Texas in 1846. The Portal to Texas History. | **Inducements:** something good to persuade people  ***Capitalists:*** Wealthy people who take part in business  ***Salubrious:*** Healthy  ***Myriads:*** A lot |

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| **Primary Source Material # 3** | Vocabulary |
| “I have always believed, Mr. President, that **Congress** does not possess the power to interfere with the subject of slavery, and I further believe that, so far as any expectation or hope of compromise is involved in this matter, the only method for the **attainment** of that **object** is for the North to **abstain** from all **encroachments** upon Southern rights.”   * A speech from Sam Houston to the United States’ Senate in February, 1850. Published in an article in *The Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register* of Houston on March 14, 1850. The Portal to Texas History | ***Congress:*** The people elected to create laws in the government  ***Attainment:*** The act of achieving something you want  ***Object:*** Goal  ***Abstain:*** To not do something  ***Encroachments:*** To take over the property or rights of others |

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| **Primary Source Material # 4** | Vocabulary |
| “The present laws of Texas do not **acknowledge** that the Indians have any right of soil; and **those persons holding land claims** contend that they have the **privilege** of locating wherever they choose.”   * A letter from Special Indian Agent Robert S. Neighbours to Colonel W. Medill, Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. Printed in the *Telegraph and Texas Register,* Houston, Monday, September 13, 1847. The Portal to Texas History | ***Acknowledge:*** Recognize  ***Those persons holding land claims:*** Anglos moving west  ***Privilege:***A special right |

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| **Primary Source Material # 5** | Vocabulary |
| “It will be remembered by our readers that the **Legislature** at its last session donated twelve leagues of land as a **reserve**, within those limits the different tribes of Indians in Texas were to be settled . . . The policy of the government is to **confine** them to this narrow space and feed them. They are gradually to be taught the arts of civilized life, particularly farming. Their wild nomadic habits and tastes are to be **uprooted**, and thus, in a few years, they are to become a self-supporting machine, making their daily bread “in the sweat of their brow...” — This policy doubtless sounds very well to **philanthropic theorists,** but when applied to the Southern Comanches will prove a miserable failure.”   * An article titled “The Indian Reservation” printed in *The Texas Monument* newspaper of La Grange, Texas, Tuesday, October 10, 1854. The Portal to Texas History | ***Legislature***: Another word for Congress, or the people who are elected to make laws.  ***Reserve:*** Land set aside where the U.S. government wanted Indians to live.  ***Confine:*** Limit or keep in a certain place  ***Uprooted:*** Taken away  ***Philanthropic Theorists:*** People who have ideas about how to help |

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| **Primary Source Material # 6** | Vocabulary |
| “When Texas shall become **densely settled**, and the resources of the country brought out, Galveston will enjoy a richer **commerce**, and ship a larger amount of cotton than any other city in America.”   * A book titled, “Rambles and Scrambles in Texas” which documents the experiences of a man named Frederic Benjamin Page as he traveled through Texas in 1846. The Portal to Texas History. | ***Densely settled:*** A lot of people settled closely together  ***Commerce:*** Trade |

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| **Primary Source Material # 7** | Vocabulary |
| “Democrats of Texas, let me say one word to you – let me urge you to shake off the **apathy** and **indifference** you have **hitherto manifested**, and to rise in your might and majesty in defense of the Constitution and of Southern institutions. Slavery and the Mexican war are the great leading questions upon which you are called to decide in the canvass this summer. You know that the Whig party will make a tremendous effort to . . . brand the war as unnecessary, **unconstitutional**, and unjust – to give up all the advantages we have already gained in Mexico . . . and withdraw our troops.”  “Are you willing to submit to such **degradation** as this? *No,* is the answer from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Then *now is your time to act: be prompt,* ***vigilant*** *and active, and the country is safe.*”   * From a letter to the editor of *The Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register* of Houston, written on May 24, 1848 under the name “Young Hickory.” The Portal to Texas History | ***Apathy:*** Not being interested in something  ***Indifference:*** Not caring about something  ***Hitherto manifested:*** Shown or displayed so far  ***Unconstitutional:*** Not following the constitution, against the law  ***Degradation:*** (In this context) Disrespected  ***Vigilant:*** Watchful and alert |

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| **Primary Source Material # 8** | Vocabulary |
| “In the numbers of the Galveston News, which we received by Monday’s mail, we find some letters from the editor who is traveling in the west and has already **furnished** descriptions of the appearance and **prospects** of Victoria, Gonzales, Seguin, and New Braunfels, a new German town on the west bank of the Guadalupe, which already contains a population of 1,500. We found these letters very interesting, particularly the one describing New Braunfels and the country around and the **contemplated** improvements of the Germans, who it seems propose to build up immediately three more.”   * A newspaper article from *The Northern Standard,* from Clarksville, Texas, published Wednesday, February 4, 1846. The Portal to Texas History. | ***Furnished****:* Given or provided  ***Prospects:*** Possibilities  ***Contemplated:*** Being considered or thought about |

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| **Primary Source Material # 9** | Vocabulary |
| My dear Father,  You see I am at present in that city that has been **rendered** somewhat celebrated as the prison of the Santa Fe traders and others of our countrymen…Santa Anna is on our **flank** and will **endeavor** to cut off our communications, and the extreme sickliness of the season will prevent our sending down to Vera Cruz, but we will endeavor to **subsist** on the country that we pass through. I do not see that we are a bit nearer a peace now than when we first started – we have had victory after victory and seem to gain nothing by it. Will we be any nearer when we have taken the city of Mexico? I rather doubt it.  Yours Affectionately, Theodore   * A letter from American soldier, Lieutenant Theodore Laidley to his father in Virginia. The letter is dated May 3, 1847 in Perote, Mexico. The Portal to Texas History | ***Rendered:*** Become  ***Flank:*** A military position meaning next to or beside  ***Endeavor***: Try  ***Subsist:*** Survive |

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| **Primary Source Material # 10** | Vocabulary |
| “The German people and Colonists for the Grant between the waters of the Llano and San Saba shall be allowed to visit any part of said country, and be protected by the Comanche Nation and the Chiefs **thereof** in Consideration of which agreement the Comanche may likewise come to the German colonies towns and settlements, and shall have no cause to fear, but shall go wherever they please—if not **counselled** otherwise by the especial agent of our **great father**—and have protection, as long as they walk in the white path.”   * A portion of the “Meusebach Treaty” established on May 9, 1847 between the German settlers in Fredericksburg and the Comanche Nation. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission. | ***Thereof:*** related to the topic that was just mentioned. Here, it shows that the chiefs are from the Comanche Nation.  ***Counselled:*** Informed  ***Great father:*** A term used by some Indian tribes to refer to the U.S. government |

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| **Primary Source Material # 11** |

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| A photocopy of a handwritten letter, written in illegible script | This document is a bill of sale (or receipt) recording the sale of an enslaved man named Tim, “known as Tim Street” to a plantation owner named E. M. Pease.  Pease purchased the enslaved man for $694.25 (approximately $27,000 today.)  The enslaved man was described as being about 34 years old and of a light complexion.  The receipt declares that the enslaved man was a “slave for life.”   * Bill of sale for purchase of slave by E.M. Pease], text, September 1, 1849   The Portal to Texas History |