

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."	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
<ul> <li>A Quote from Chief Buffalo Hump of the Penateka Comanche Tribe. Account provided by Robert S.</li> <li>Neighbours, Special Indian Agent of the United States, in a letter to Colonel Medill, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. Printed in the <i>Telegraph and Texas</i> <i>Register</i>, Houston, Monday, September 13, 1847. The Portal to Texas History</li> </ul>	

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Primary Source Material # 3	Vocabulary
"I have always believed, Mr. President, that <u>Congress</u> 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 <u>attainment</u> of	Congress: The people elected to create laws in the government  Attainment: The act of achieving something you want  Object: Goal
that <u>object</u> is for the North to <u>abstain</u> from all <u>encroachments</u> upon Southern rights."  - A speech from Sam Houston to the United States' Senate in February, 1850. Published in an article in <i>The Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register</i> of Houston on March 14, 1850. The Portal to Texas History	Abstain: To not do something Encroachments: To take over the property or rights of others

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





Primary Source Material # 5	Vocabulary
"It will be remembered by our readers that the <u>Legislature</u> at its last session donated twelve leagues of land as a <u>reserve</u> , within those limits the different tribes of Indians in Texas were to be settled The policy of the government is to <u>confine</u> them to this narrow space and feed them. They are gradually to be taught the arts of civilized life, particularly farming.	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
Their wild nomadic habits and tastes are to be <u>uprooted</u> , and thus, in a few	<i>Uprooted:</i> Taken away
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 <b>philanthropic theorists</b> , 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	<b>Philanthropic Theorists:</b> People who have ideas about how to help

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."	Densely settled: A lot of people settled closely together  Commerce: Trade
- 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.	





Primary Source Material # 7	Vocabulary
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<b> </b>	Indifference: Not caring about something
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]     \tau \times     \tau \times     \tau \times   \tau \	Vigilant: Watchful and alert
- From a letter to the editor of <i>The Democratic Telegraph and Texas Register</i> of Houston, written on May 24, 1848 under the name "Young Hickory." The Portal to Texas History	





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 <b>furnished</b> descriptions of the appearance and <b>prospects</b> of Victoria, Gonzales, Seguin, and New Braunfels, a new German town on the west	Furnished: Given or provided  Prospects: Possibilities
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.	Contemplated: Being considered or thought about

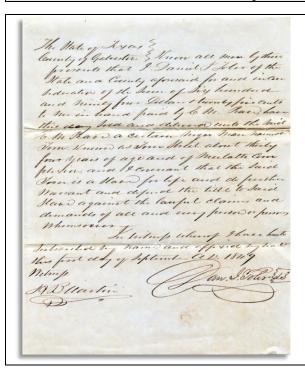
Primary Source Material # 9	Vocabulary
My dear Father,	
You see I am at present in that city that has been rendered somewhat celebrated as the prison of the Santa Fe traders and others of our countrymenSanta Anna is on our flank and will endeavor to cut off our communications, and the extreme sickliness 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	Rendered: Become  Flank: A military position meaning next to or beside  Endeavor: Try  Subsist: Survive
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	





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	Thereof: related to the
the Chiefs <b>thereof</b> in Consideration of which	topic that was just mentioned. Here, it
agreement the Comanche may likewise come to	shows that the chiefs
the German colonies towns and settlements, and	are from the Comanche Nation.
shall have no cause to fear, but shall go wherever	
they please—if not <u>counselled</u> otherwise by the	Counselled: Informed
especial agent of our <b>great father</b> —and have	
protection, as long as they walk in the white	Great father: A term used by some Indian
path."	tribes to refer to the
- A portion of the "Meusebach Treaty" established on May 9,	U.S. government
1847 between the German settlers in Fredericksburg and	
the Comanche Nation. The Texas State Library and Archives	
Commission.	

## **Primary Source Material #11**



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

