**Growing Tension in Texas Extension *Foundations***

A Primary Source Activity

*Unit 4: The Mexican National Era*

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| **Document A** |

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| 1. Who is the author? | 1. Who is the intended audience? | 1. What is the document’s primary topic? |
| 1. B.J. Thompson 2. Stephen F. Austin 3. A Fredonian Rebel | 1. All Fredonian Rebels 2. The Mexican government 3. B.J. Thompson | 1. The Centralist takeover of the Mexican government. 2. The Fredonian Rebellion 3. Texas Statehood |

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| 1. Which statement best summarizes the document’s main idea? | 1. **Mexico’s position in Texas is weak and there are many problems related to the Anglo colonists.** 2. ~~The Centralist revolt against the government resulted in the abolition of the Federalist Constitution of 1824.~~ 3. **Austin opposes the actions of the rebels in east Texas and believes they are bad for Texas.** 4. ~~Anglos claim they fought the Mexican military at a fort to protest the Central take-over of the government.~~ 5. **Anglos in Texas are angry that their requests for statehood were rejected, and Austin was imprisoned.** 6. ~~This law prevents any more Americans from immigrating to Texas.~~ |

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| 1. Identify **three** key phrases from the passage that support your answer to question number 5. **Cross out the phrase that does not support your answer**. |

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| 1. “You have committed an error” | 1. “I will befriend you as far as I can” |
| 1. “…you have jeopardized the prospects of this whole country” | 1. “…you have all run mad.” |

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| 1. Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document? | 1. Austin Supports Anglo Rebellion! 2. Austin Seeks Advice About Mexican Actions. 3. ~~Austin Urges Mexico to Grant Texas Independence.~~ 4. Austin Opposes East Texas Rebellion. |
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| **Document B** |

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| 1. General Manuel Mier y Terán 2. The Mexican government 3. The Fredonian rebels | 1. General Manuel Mier y Terán 2. The Mexican government 3. The Fredonian Rebels | 1. The Mexican Constitution of 1824 2. Texas statehood 3. Problems with Anglos in Texas |

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| 1. “As one covers the distance from [San Antonio de] Bejar to this town,” | 1. “The repeal of these laws is a point toward which the colonists are directing their efforts” |
| 1. “…now at peace, but armed and at any moment ready for war” | 1. “Texas could throw the whole nation into revolution” |

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| 1. Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document? | 1. Report Shows Trouble with Anglos in Texas! 2. Mexico Renews Support for Anglo Colonization! 3. ~~Austin Shocks the Nation by Rebelling!~~ 4. Mexican Government Gives in to Rebel Demands! |

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| **Document C** |

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| 1. The Texas Congress 2. The Mexican government 3. The U.S. government | 1. The people of Texas 2. The people of Coahuila 3. The people of Mexico | 1. The repeal of the anti-slave laws 2. Laws to restrict Anglo colonization to Texas 3. Reinstating the Mexican constitution |

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| 1. “All foreigners whose country is bounding on [Texas].” | 1. “In the name of the Mexican government” |
| 1. “I consider it is my duty to caution citizens of the United States” | 1. “The authority which has been reserved by the general Congress” |

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| **Document D** |

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| 1. Colonel José Antonio Mexia 2. Mexican officials 3. Anglo colonists in Texas | 1. Mexican officials (leaders) 2. Anglos and Tejanos 3. Citizens of the United States | 1. Anglos explain why they fought at Anahuac 2. Tejanos explain why Anglo colonization is beneficial 3. Congress explains the Centralist revolt |

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| 1. “…we therefore make you the following representation” | 1. “…the arbitrary, and unconstitutional measures, of the administration” |
| 1. “…the causes which impelled us to take up our arms,” | 1. “…repeated violations of the constitution” |

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| **Document E** |

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| 1. Mexican official R. M. Williamson 2. Anglo colonist R. M. Williamson 3. Tejano congressman R. M. Williamson | 1. The community of Brazoria, Texas 2. The community of Saltillo, Coahuila 3. The Mexican government | 1. Giving reasons for recent violence 2. Giving reasons why many Anglos were unhappy 3. Giving reasons for the Federalist rebellion |

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| 1. “Our constitution has been rejected. Our application refused.” | 1. “… and the memorial of that body to the General Congress of the United Mexican States” |
| 1. “We still continue our unnatural connexion with Coahuila.” | 1. “They have arrested and now detain our agent Stephen F. Austin…” |

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