**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?
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| 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. What is the general tone of the document?

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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”
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| 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”
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| 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”
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| 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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 | 1. ~~Mexico Declares All Current American Contracts Cancelled!~~
2. Mexico Bans American Immigration to Texas!
3. Mexican Laws Affect Anglo Taxes.
4. The State Congress of Coahuila y Tejas End Immigration!
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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”
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| 1. “…the causes which impelled us to take up our arms,”
 | 1. “…repeated violations of the constitution”
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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. Mexico Sends its Military to Enforce Laws.
2. Anglo Texans Angry at Controlling National Government!
3. ~~Anglo Texans Oppose the Federal Constitution of 1824~~
4. Anglo Texans Join Centralist Rebellion!
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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”
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| 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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| 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. ~~Centralists Took Over the Government!~~
2. Statehood Denied! Austin Imprisoned!
3. Texas Anglos Oppose the Coahuila Congress!
4. Anglos and Tejanos Demand the Government Reinstates Constitution!
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