

Growing Tension in Texas Extension *Foundations*

A Primary Source Activity Unit 4: The Mexican National Era

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Document A

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

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

a) "You have committed an error"	b) "I will befriend you as far as I can"
c) "...you have jeopardized the prospects of this whole country"	d) "...you have all run mad."

7) Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document?	a) Austin Supports Anglo Rebellion! b) Austin Seeks Advice About Mexican Actions. c) Austin Urges Mexico to Grant Texas Independence. d) Austin Opposes East Texas Rebellion.
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Document B

1) Who is the author?	2) Who is the intended audience?	3) What is the document's primary topic?
a) General Manuel Mier y Terán b) The Mexican government c) The Fredonian rebels	a) General Manuel Mier y Terán b) The Mexican government c) The Fredonian Rebels	a) The Mexican Constitution of 1824 b) Texas statehood c) Problems with Anglos in Texas

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

7) Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document?	A) Report Shows Trouble with Anglos in Texas! B) Mexico Renews Support for Anglo Colonization! C) Austin Shocks the Nation by Rebelling! D) Mexican Government Gives in to Rebel Demands!
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Document C

1) Who is the author?	2) Who is the intended audience?	3) What is the document's primary topic?
a) The Texas Congress b) The Mexican government c) The U.S. government	a) The people of Texas b) The people of Coahuila c) The people of Mexico	a) The repeal of the anti-slave laws b) Laws to restrict Anglo colonization to Texas c) Reinstating the Mexican constitution

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a) "All foreigners whose country is bounding on [Texas]."	b) "In the name of the Mexican government"
c) "I consider it is my duty to caution citizens of the United States"	d) "The authority which has been reserved by the general Congress"

7) Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document?	A) Mexico Declares All Current American Contracts Cancelled! B) Mexico Bans American Immigration to Texas! C) Mexican Laws Affect Anglo Taxes. D) The State Congress of Coahuila y Tejas End Immigration!
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Document D

1) Who is the author?	2) Who is the intended audience?	3) What is the document's primary topic?
a) Colonel José Antonio Mexia b) Mexican officials c) Anglo colonists in Texas	a) Mexican officials (leaders) b) Anglos and Tejanos c) Citizens of the United States	a) Anglos explain why they fought at Anahuac b) Tejanos explain why Anglo colonization is beneficial c) Congress explains the Centralist revolt

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a) "...we therefore make you the following representation"	b) "...the arbitrary, and unconstitutional measures, of the administration"
c) "...the causes which impelled us to take up our arms,"	d) "...repeated violations of the constitution"

7) Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document?	A) Mexico Sends its Military to Enforce Laws. B) Anglo Texans Angry at Controlling National Government! C) Anglo Texans Oppose the Federal Constitution of 1824 D) Anglo Texans Join Centralist Rebellion!
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Document E

1) Who is the author?	2) Who is the intended audience?	3) What is the document's primary topic?
a) Mexican official R. M. Williamson b) Anglo colonist R. M. Williamson c) Tejano congressman R. M. Williamson	a) The community of Brazoria, Texas b) The community of Saltillo, Coahuila c) The Mexican government	a) Giving reasons for recent violence b) Giving reasons why many Anglos were unhappy c) Giving reasons for the Federalist rebellion

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a) "Our constitution has been rejected. Our application refused."	b) "... and the memorial of that body to the General Congress of the United Mexican States"
c) "We still continue our unnatural connexion with Coahuila."	d) "They have arrested and now detain our agent Stephen F. Austin..."

7) Imagine you want to write about this document in the newspaper. Which statement to the right provides the best headline for this document?	A) Centralists Took Over the Government! B) Statehood Denied! Austin Imprisoned! C) Texas Anglos Oppose the Coahuila Congress! D) Anglos and Tejanos Demand the Government Reinstates Constitution!
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