**Growing Tension in Texas Extension *Grade Level***

A Primary Source Activity

*Unit 4: The Mexican National Era*

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