

# Answer Key: Growing Tension in Texas

## Warm-up

- Student predictions will vary

## Lesson

### The Fredonian Rebellion 1826



- **What:** A small, unsuccessful **Anglo Rebellion** against the Mexican government.
- **Who:** An Anglo-American empresario named **Haden Edwards** led the rebellion. Stephen F. Austin helped stop it.
- **Where:** East Texas – Nacogdoches
- **Why is it Significant:** Mexico easily **stopped** the rebellion with Austin's help, but it caused the government to become concerned about **Angloes** in Texas.

### The Mier y Terán Report, 1828



- **What:** A report showing that Anglos outnumbered Tejanos in Texas **10** to **1** and there were few Mexican officials, so it was easy for people to **break** the **laws**.
- **Who:** General Manuel Mier y Terán
- **Why is it Significant:** Terán's report showed that there were many **problems** related to **Anglo** immigration in Texas. He suggested Mexico fix the issues immediately.

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### The Law of April 6, 1830



- **What:** Laws that Mexico passed to try to **fix** the **problems** with the Empresario System in Texas:
  - Stopped all **immigration** from the U.S. into Texas
  - **Cancelled** unfulfilled empresario contracts
  - Enforced **tariffs** (taxes) on items from the U.S.
  - Established military **forts** in Texas to enforce the laws
- **Why is it Significant:** Many Anglos and Tejanos were very upset with the laws, believing they would stop the growth and development of Texas and its **economy**

### The Turtle Bayou Resolutions, 1832



- **What:** A **document** explaining the Anglo point of view of the conflict at **Fort Anahuac** and showing support for the **Federalists** in the Mexican government.
- **Where:** Near present-day Houston
- **Why is it Significant:** Some Anglos in Texas were openly declaring **support** for Federalists in the ongoing debates between Centralists and Federalists across the country

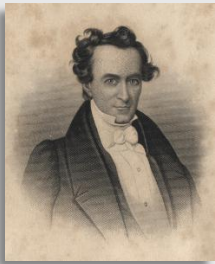
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### The Conventions of 1832 & 1833



- **What:** Two **meetings** of Anglo delegates to write a list of requests for the Mexican government.
  - **Repeal** the anti-immigration laws from the Law of April 6, 1830
  - Remove the **tariffs** on U.S. goods
  - Grant separate **statehood** for Texas
- **Who:** **President** of Convention: Stephen F. Austin
- **Where:** San Felipe de Austin (near Houston)
- **Why is it Significant:** **Anglos** in Texas were organizing in support of development and statehood for Texas.

### The Arrest of Stephen F. Austin, 1833



- **What:** Austin was arrested and imprisoned for encouraging Anglos in Texas to start making their own **state** after President Santa Anna had denied the request.
- **Who:** Stephen F. Austin, President Santa Anna
- **Where:** Arrested in Saltillo, Coahuila.  
Imprisoned in Mexico City for **1 ½** years.
- **Why is it Significant:** Austin's time in prison caused him to be **less** supportive of the Mexican government.

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### Exit Ticket

- Student responses will vary