

Answer Key: Looking Ahead

Warm-up

- Responses will vary

Lesson

Grade Level and Foundations

Excerpt 1:

1. B
2. D
3. B

Excerpt 2:

1. C
2. C
3. Responses will vary

Excerpt 3:

1. A, D
2. A
3. Responses will vary but will likely include the fact that a conflict between the Texans and Centralist Army is likely to occur.

Advanced

Advanced work requires students to write short, constructed responses to questions. Responses will vary. The following responses should serve as a guide for student answers.

Excerpt 1

1. The Texans attacked first, according to the account in the excerpt. The Texans stated they attacked because the Mexican Army was ordered to take their cannon by force.
2. The citizens of Gonzales said they did not need to return the cannon because it had been lawfully given to them by the rightful constitutional leaders to defend the Constitution (of 1724), and it could only be taken by those lawful Federalist leaders. The Mexican government demanding the cannon now were the unlawful Centralist leaders, so the Texans did not have to comply.
3. The Texans promised they would fight to protect their rights under the Constitution of 1824.

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Excerpt 2

1. Commander Castañeda said that he was a republican (not a Centralist, but a Federalist) as was much of the rest of Mexico, however he still had to follow the law.
2. Castañeda's orders were to demand the cannon. If the Texans refused to return it, he was ordered to camp nearby until he received more orders.
3. Answers will vary, though students will likely conclude that a conflict is likely to happen.

Excerpt 3

1. The Texan forces charged at the Mexican Army, which fled when the Texans approached.
2. Colonel Ugartechea would attack and destroy the town when he and his forces arrived.
3. According to the author, Texas forces expect the Mexican Army to attack again. The Texans were prepared to fight back and even march to San Antonio if they needed to. The author encouraged Texans to oppose Centralism and not submit to the government under Centralist control.

Exit Ticket

- Responses will vary