

# Unit 1: Natural Texas and Its People 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson Plan: How do we know what we know?

(45 -60 minutes)

Objective	<ul> <li>Students will learn what primary and secondary sources are, as well as how to distinguish the difference between the two.</li> <li>Students will be able to give examples of each and explain the benefits and drawbacks of using primary sources when studying history.</li> <li>1. We will examine the difference between artifacts, primary sources and secondary sources as well as the benefits and drawbacks of using each type of source when studying history.</li> <li>2. I will analyze three artifacts to make inferences about the lives of early American Indians in Texas.</li> </ul>
Key Concepts	<ul> <li>We study items left behind by people from the past to understand history.</li> <li>There are benefits and drawbacks to different types of artifacts and sources from the past.</li> <li>We often make conclusions about the past based on inferring information from materials past people left behind.</li> </ul>
Skills Essential Question	<ul> <li>Identifying examples of different types of historic materials</li> <li>Understanding how bias might influence information</li> <li>Creating verbal and short constructed responses in complete sentences</li> <li>Making inferences about the past based on artifacts</li> <li>Using context to understand the meaning of key terms</li> <li>How do we know what we know about the past?</li> </ul>
Assignment	<ol> <li>Warm-up         <ul> <li>Make inferences about a fictional past person based on a list of items in a box.</li> <li>Introduces the concept of using artifacts to make inferences about past events and people.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>





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	<ul> <li>2. Lesson <ul> <li><u>Artifacts</u>: Identify, exemplify, and understand how people can use them to make inferences about the past</li> <li><u>Primary and Secondary Sources</u>: Distinguish between primary and secondary sources; Understand the concept of bias when working with primary sources; recognize the benefits and drawbacks of using primary sources when studying history.</li> <li><u>Evaluating Artifacts &amp; Primary Sources</u>: Using 3 images of artifacts to make inferences about early Texas people; constructing questions about the artifacts; student collaboration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Exit Ticket <ul> <li>Distinguish between true and false statements about primary sources.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>b. Write a short, constructed response exemplifying a primary source and explaining its potential benefits and drawbacks.</li> </ul>
Materials	Links to the following materials
	<ol> <li>Warm-up &amp; Exit Ticket (Suggested printing: 1 per student. Assignment prints two copies per page, front and back.)</li> <li>Class Guided Notes slideshow. (Suggested use: Presented on an overhead projector for full class work; Uploaded to an educational platform like google classroom for individual work; printed additional copies for note-taking assistance.)</li> <li>Lesson worksheet (Suggested printing: 1 per student)         <ul> <li>Advanced assignment</li> <li>Grade Level assignment</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Differentiation	<ol> <li>Scaffolding including lessons at three different levels of academic ability</li> <li>Visual representations of directions</li> <li>Difficult vocabulary assistance</li> <li>Sentence stems</li> <li>Chunking content</li> <li>Reduction in answer choices</li> </ol>
TEKS	• <b>7.20(A)</b> Differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources such as media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts to acquire information about Texas.



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	<ul> <li>7.20(B) Analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main ide, summarizing, making generalization and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions.</li> <li>7.20(D) Identify bias and points of view from the historical context surrounding an event that influenced the participants</li> </ul>
•	<b>7.20(E)</b> Formulate and communicate visually, orally, or in writing a claim supported by evidence and reasoning related to a social studies topic.
	7.22(A) Use social studies terminology correctly
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•	7.22(B) Use effective written communication skills,
	including proper citations and avoiding plagiarism.





### **Teacher Guide:**

### Lesson 2: How do we know what we know?

Warm-up	1. WARM-UP ASSIGNMENT: Students use a list of items to		
•	make inferences about the person who they belonged to.		
	a. Students may work individually or collaboratively		
	with shoulder partners or the people around		
	them.		
	<b>b.</b> Use the sentence stem on ( <i>ppt slide 4</i> ) to guide		
	student responses		
	<b>c.</b> Lesson objective, "We will," and "I will" statements		
	are on slides 5 and 6 of the presentation.		
Lesson	Has this ever happened to you?		
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	a. Introduce lesson and have students read the scenario in		
	the gray box, then make a prediction about how we know		
	what we know about history on <i>(ppt slide #7 and 8)</i>		
	Artifacts (ppt slide #9) – Reading Passage:		
	Literacy building technique: b. <u>First read-through</u> : Teacher reads. After reading, as a		
	class read the questions (not the answers) to help guide		
	student for the second reading.		
	c. <u>Second read-through</u> : Call on one or more students to		
	read. Ask class if they heard any of the answers to the		
	questions.		
	d. <u>Third read-through</u> : Students individually read and then		
	answer the questions.		
	e. Share with class: Use the sentence stems on ( <i>ppt slides 9</i>		
	– 11) to guide student responses.		
	<b>Primary Sources</b> – Reading Passage		
	f. <u>First read-through:</u> Teacher reads. Demonstrate a slow		
	steady pace, with exaggerated pauses where appropriate.		
	g. <u>Second read-through:</u> Full class reads together, staying at		
	the slow pace you demonstrated before.		
	h. <u>Third read-through:</u> Have students work independently		
	or with a shoulder partner to read one final time if		
	necessary and then complete the activity determining which items are primary or secondary sources.		
	i. Share with class: Use the sentence stems on ( <i>ppt slides</i>		
	<b>12-13)</b> to guide student responses.		



#### Using Primary Sources to Understand an Event -

- j. Pre-reading task: *(ppt slide #14)* Instruct students to pay attention to what the problem is in the reading. They should be prepared to discuss with the class after they read.
- k. After they read and share what the problem is, instruct them to read it one more time if necessary and then answer the questions that follow (individually or with a shoulder partner)
- Share with class: Use the sentence stems on (*ppt slides* 15) to guide student responses.

#### Benefits and Drawbacks Chart:

- m. *(ppt slide #16)* Together as a class: call on students to read each statement. Class determines whether the statements are benefits or drawbacks of primary sources.
- n. Writing exercise: (*ppt slide #17*) Students use the information from the chart and the example sentence to form their own short constructed response explaining the benefits and drawbacks of primary sources.
- o. Share with class: Use the sentence stems on (*ppt slides* 18) to guide student responses.

#### **Analyzing Artifacts and Primary Sources**

- p. Students examine three images of different primary source artifacts from early people in Texas. They write their inferences and questions in their chart.
- q. The images from their worksheet are presented larger for better viewing on *(ppt slide #20-22)* These can be printed and distributed or hung around the class for individual or partner work or they can be worked through together as a class on the projector.
- r. Share with class: Use the sentence stems on (*ppt slides* 23) to guide student responses.

#### **Important Note**

- s. Discuss with class the important note regarding studying the history of early Texas people. Have students consider the difficulties of only using artifacts to study the past.
- t. Share with class: Use the sentence stems on (*slides 23 and 24*) to guide student responses.





Exit Ticket	<ol> <li>Students will distinguish between true and false statements about primary sources.</li> <li>Students will produce a short, constructed response giving an example of a primary source and describing the benefits and drawbacks of using this type of source.</li> <li>Share with class: Use the sentence stems on (<i>slides 26</i>) to guide student responses.</li> </ol>
	<i>Let students know</i> : Exit ticket questions for many assignments are based on the new item types on the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade social studies STAAR. This exit ticket includes a "Hot Spot" question, requiring students to cite specific evidence within a text and a short, constructed response. Practicing with these questions now will make them experts by the time they get to their 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies STAAR!

## **Primary Sources Referenced in Lesson**

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