

Unit 1: Natural Texas and Its People

7th Grade Lesson Plan: Mind Mapping Review Lesson

(45 - 60 minutes)

Objective	Students will create a visual representation of terms and concepts from the unit in a mind map. Students will be able to visualize how information from the unit is connected by making connections between terms on a mind map. • We will make connections between key terms and concepts within all of Unit 1: Natural Texas and Its People • I will create a Mind Map using terms and concepts from the class slides presentation.
Key Concepts	 Terms, concepts, people, and other social studies information from different assignments are connected in a variety of different ways.
Skills	 Connecting terms and concepts from across the entire unit. Justifying and providing a rationalization for those connections. Student debate over the best placement of terms on their Mind Maps. Creating a visual representation of Social Studies information.
Essential Question	How do the key terms and concepts from Unit 1: Natural Texas and Its People connect to each other?
Assignment	 Warm-up Students will complete a graphic organizer of a small Mind Map with 2 blank circles. They will complete the Mind Map by choosing from 4 options that best complete the graphic organizer. Lesson Students will create a Mind Map, either individually, with a partner, or in a small group. They will add terms from the slideshow to their Mind Map where they believe they fit best. Students should be able to justify their reasoning for where they place each term. Exit Ticket Students will complete a sentence summarizing the main idea of this unit. They will choose the best answer from





	multiple choice options for each blank to complete the sentence.
Materials	Links to the following materials
	 Warm-up / Exit Ticket (Suggested printing: 1 per student. Assignment prints two copies per page.) Slideshow
	Suggested Materials not Included:
	 A large piece of butcher paper for group work Blank pieces of paper for individual or partner work Markers or colored pencils.
Differentiation	 Chunking text information Sentence Stems Word Bank Reduction in amount of work Group roles Additional writing for Advanced level work
TEKS	 7.2(A) Compare the cultures of American Indians in Texas prior to European colonization such as Gulf, Plains, Puebloan, and Southeastern. 7.20(B): Analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and conclusions. 7.20(C) Organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps. 7.20(E) Formulate and communicate visually, orally, or in writing a claim supported by evidence and reasoning related to a social studies topic. 7.22(C) Create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies information. 7.8 (A) Locate and compare the Mountains and Basins, Great Plains, North Central Plains, and Coastal Plains regions. 7.8 (B) Locate and compare places of importance in Texas in terms of physical and human characteristics such as major cities, waterways, natural and historic landmarks, political and cultural regions, and local points of interest.





Teacher Guide: Mind Mapping Review Lesson

Warm-up	 Students will complete a graphic organizer of a small Mind Map with 2 blank circles. They will complete the Mind Map by choosing from 4 options that best complete the graphic organizer. Slides 2 and 3 restate the directions and provide a sentence stem to guide student responses when sharing with the class. Slides 4 and 5 present the Essential Question and the "We will / I will" for the lesson.
Lesson	Lesson
	 Students will create a Mind Map, either individually, with a partner, or in a small group. They will add terms from the slideshow to their Mind Map where they believe they fit best. Students should be able to justify their reasoning for where they place each term. a. Advanced students: add additional information, explanations, terms, or questions to their Mind Map after they add the terms from the slides. b. Grade Level: Students take turns adding information to the Mind Map or assign group roles – scribe (to write terms on the Mind Map), time-keeper (to keep students on task. Teacher can display a countdown clock to aide in this process), researcher (to look back through notes and old work for assistance in the lesson), Speaker (to share information with the class) c. Foundations: Assign to timekeeper or speaker role, depending on student strengths. d. Slides 6 through 12 present sets of terms for students to add to their Mind Map. e. Slide 13 provides an optional, additional step if there is time at the end of class for students to add any additional information they can think of to their Mind Map. Advanced students have already been directed to do this step throughout the process.
Exit Ticket	Students will complete a sentence summarizing the main
	idea of this unit. They will choose the best answer from
	multiple choice options for each blank to complete the
	sentence.





a. Slides 14 and 15 restate the directions and provide a sentence stem to guide student responses when	
sharing with the class.	

