

Texas Today *Foundations*

Unit 1: Natural Texas and Its People

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Part I: Welcome to Texas Today!

Today, at 268,596 square miles and 30.3 million people, Texas is the second largest state in the nation both in terms of land mass and population.

Three of the top ten largest cities in the U.S. are located in Texas: Austin, Dallas, and Houston. In fact, Houston is the 4th largest city in the country at over 2.3 million people!

Texas industries like agriculture, energy, and oil and gas are so successful that Texas' economy is the 8th largest in the world!

1. Circle or highlight three facts in the reading about Texas today.
2. Using the context of the reading, what do you think **economy** means?
 - a. Culture and heritage
 - b. Wealth and resources
 - c. Population and cities
 - d. Geography and landforms

Make a prediction

Where do you think most Texans live today based on your prior knowledge of Texas geography and the map to the right? **Circle the area.**

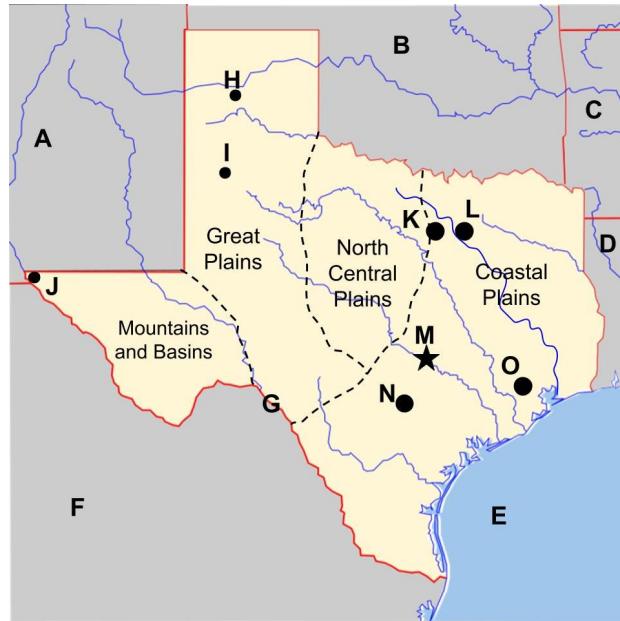
Where do you think they would be least likely to live? **Draw an X over the area.**



Part II: Texas Map Activity

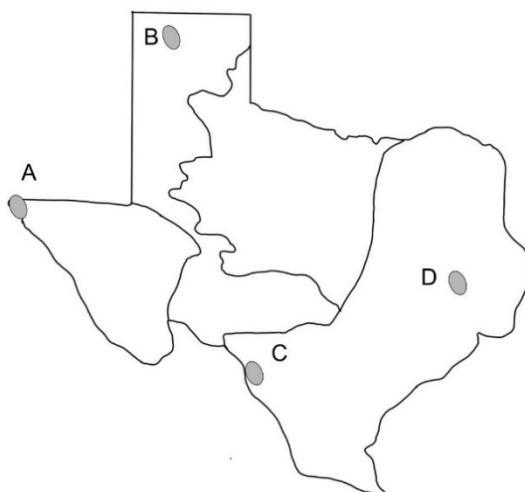
Step 1: Write the letter of the correct letter in the blank next to the correct answers below.
Use the map on the slide presentation to assist you.

1. Louisiana _____
2. San Antonio _____
3. Mexico _____
4. Lubbock _____
5. Dallas _____
6. New Mexico _____
7. Oklahoma _____
8. Texas _____
9. Arkansas _____
10. Gulf of Mexico _____
11. Fort Worth _____
12. Houston _____
13. Amarillo _____
14. Austin _____
15. El Paso _____
16. Rio Grande River _____



Part III: American Indians in Texas Today

Directions: Answer the following questions about Texas



- Alabama-Coushatta
- Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo
- Kickapoo Traditional