

Texas Today *Grade Level*

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. Give three facts about Texas today according to the reading.
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

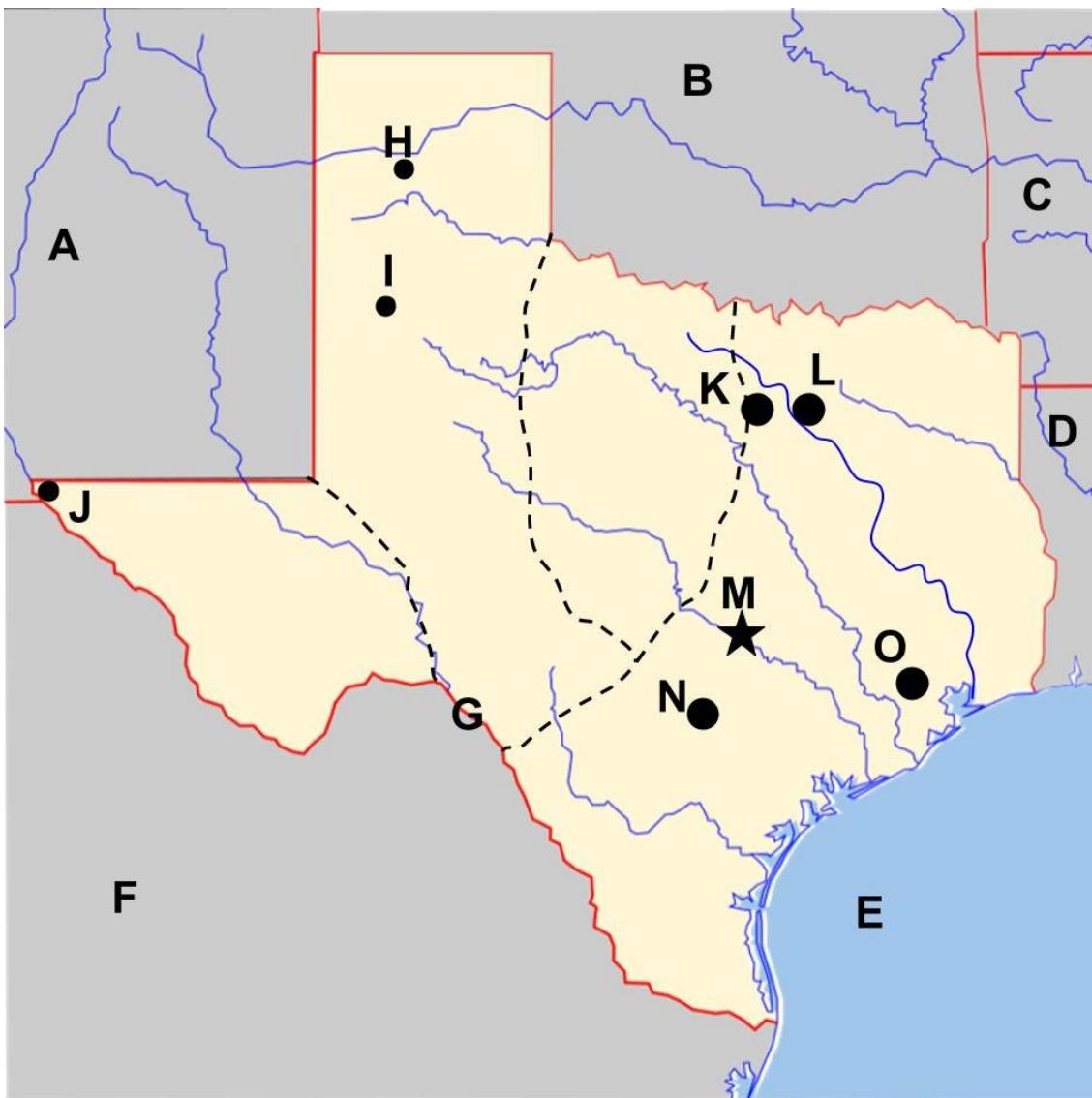
Where do you think most Texans live today based on your prior knowledge of Texas geography and the map to the right? Circle the area.

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

Explain your answer below.



Part II: Texas Map Activity



Step 1: Use the word bank and the map on the slides presentation to complete your map.

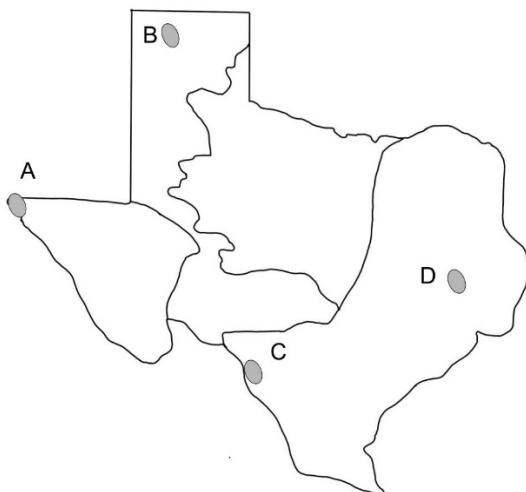
Louisiana - San Antonio - Mexico - Lubbock - Dallas -
New Mexico - Oklahoma - Texas - Arkansas - Gulf of Mexico -
Fort Worth - Houston - Amarillo - Austin - El Paso - Rio Grande River

Step 2: Label each region within the dotted lines. Use the word bank below for assistance.

Coastal Plains - Mountains and Basins - North Central Plains - Great Plains

Part III: American Indians in Texas Today

Directions: Answer the following questions about Texas



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