

# Unit 6: The Republic of Texas

## Lesson 2:

### How do we know what we know?

Letter from Sam Houston  
The Portal to Texas History

12 June 1837

My dear Joe.

I thank you for your kind welcome letter. You will see that at the end of five weeks, I have not yet finished the journey of five days. On Monday I hope to get to Huntsville. Mother has been quite sick, but is now up and about, and able to talk about "Uncle Joe, & Uncle Ben". He <sup>has</sup> been really ill, poor fellow. I hope we will now meet with no further detention. I have not complied with my promise to Judge Wortham, as I have not seen Miss B..... I will send down Joshua, & a Buggy for Mother, and suggest for one of the Mr. Ellis; or the judge to ride up in company with Mother, and take a look at the Ladies and Land, about Huntsville. It is said to be healthy there. Since I have been here, I have traded for another place

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*How do we know what we know?*

# Warm-up





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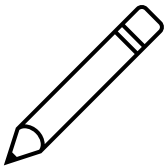
Follow the directions to complete your warm-up



- Read the primary source excerpt from a German immigrant woman living with her family in Texas.



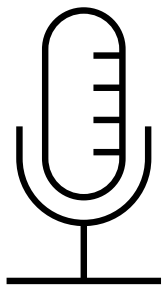
- What can you infer about life in Texas after the Revolution based on the excerpt?



- Share with a partner.



# Share with the class



Based on the primary  
source excerpt, I can infer  
that life in Texas after the  
Revolution was

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# Essential Questions

What primary source materials do historians use to learn about the Republic of Texas era? What can we learn from these materials?

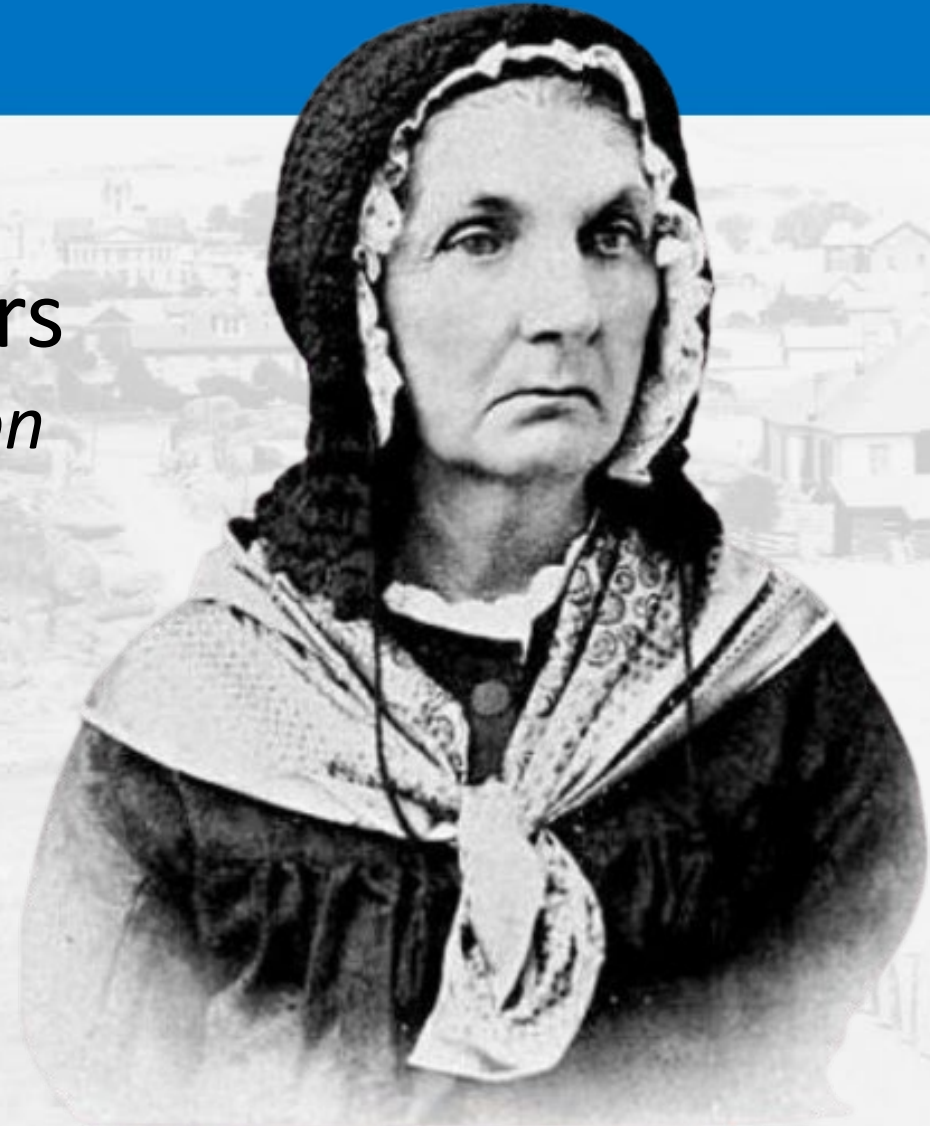
# In today's lesson...

- 1. We will** examine three different primary source materials to learn about life in Texas after the Texas Revolution.
- 2. I will** analyze each source to identify challenges the Republic of Texas faced and how the government of the Republic hoped to address these challenges.

# Part I: Life After the Revolution

## Rosa Kleberg in her later years *The Texas State Historical Association*

The Klebergs later moved to DeWitt County where they lived and raised their seven surviving children. Rosa passed away in 1907 at the age of 94.





# Part II: Hope for the Republic of Texas



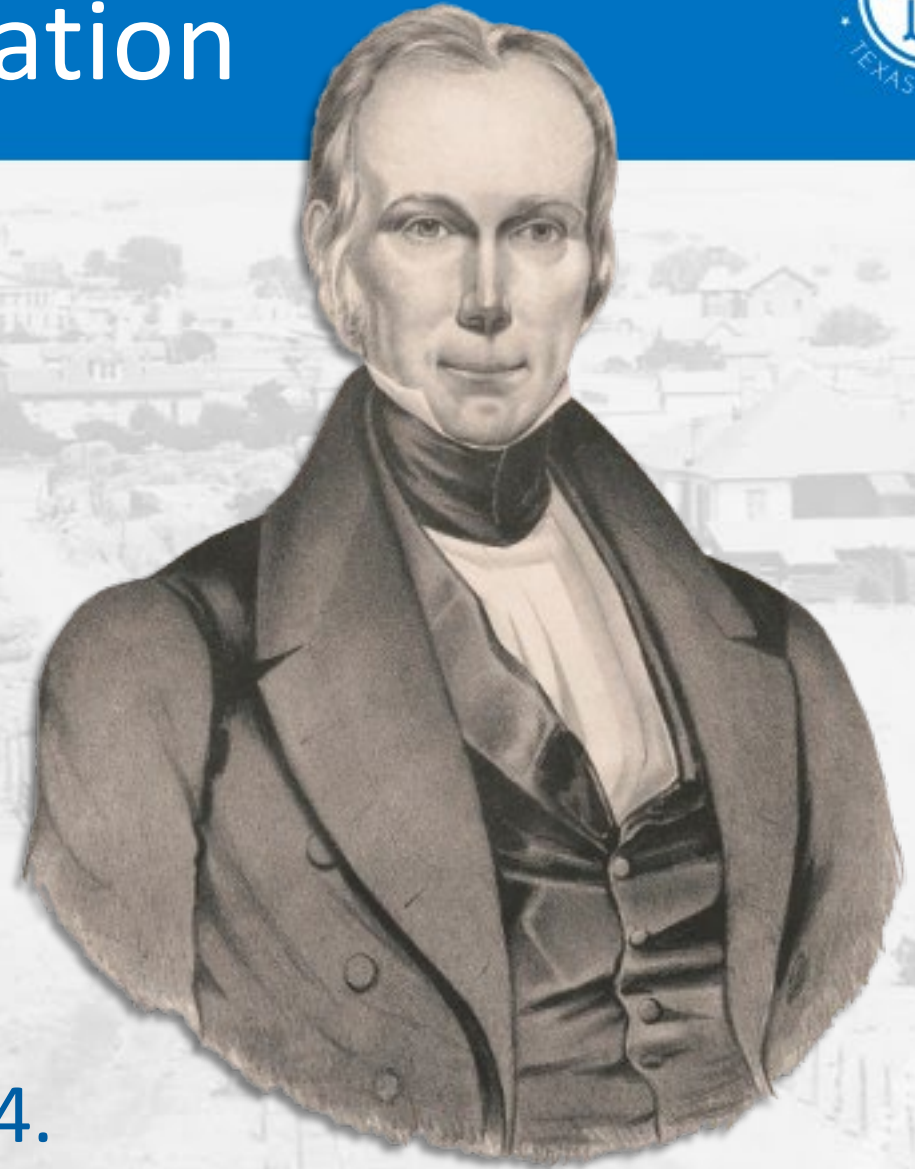
The Northern Standard newspaper of Clarksville, Texas, December 2, 1842  
The Portal to Texas History



# Part III: An American Point of View on Texas Annexation

*A portrait of Henry Clay  
The Library of Congress*

Henry Clay was an American lawyer and politician who represented Kentucky in the United States House of Representatives and the Senate. He unsuccessfully ran for president of the U.S. three times, in 1824, 1832, and 1844.

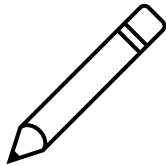


# Exit Ticket:

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- Choose one of the points of view provided in the graphic organizer.



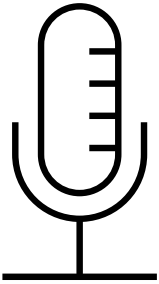
- Write a short journal entry of the Republic of Texas from 1836 to 1845 from that point of view.



- Share with a partner.



# Share with the class



*(Share your journal entry  
with the class)*