

Study Guide *Foundations*

Unit 6: The Republic of Texas

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Part I: Key Terms and Definitions

Write the term from the word-bank below in the numbered box next to the best definition or description in the chart below.

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| Texas Rangers | Sam Houston | Mirabeau Lamar |
| Anson Jones | John “Jack” Coffee Hays | Chief Bowles |
| William Goyens | Mary Maverick | José Antonio Navarro |

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| 1. a) Sam Houston b) William Goyens c) Mirabeau Lamar d) Anson Jones | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started wars of extermination against Texas Indians. - Drove the Cherokees out of east Texas. - Wanted to expand the Republic of Texas. - Sent the failed Santa Fe Expedition. - Called “Father of Texas Education.” |
| 2. a) John Coffee Hays b) Texas Rangers c) Chief Bowles d) José Antonio Navarro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The primary peace leader of the Cherokee tribe in east Texas. - Signed peace agreements with Houston. - Members of his tribe took part in the Córdova Rebellion. - Killed at the Battle of the Neches. |
| 3. a) William Goyens b) Sam Houston c) Mirabeau Lamar d) Mary Maverick | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kept detailed journals about life in Texas. - Wrote about the firsthand experience of the Council House Fight. - Worked for the preservation and education of Texas history. |
| 4. a) Chief Bowles b) Texas Rangers c) José Antonio Navarro d) Anson Jones | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established during the empresario system to protect Anglo settlements. - Fought against the Mexican invasions of 1842. - Fought the Comanches in the west. - Captured suspected thieves and smugglers. |

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| 5. a) Anson Jones b) Sam Houston c) Mirabeau Lamar d) John Coffee Hays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final president of the Republic of Texas. - Maintained peace with Texas Indians. - Oversaw the annexation of Texas to the United States. |
| 6. a) Anson Jones b) Sam Houston c) Mirabeau Lamar d) José Antonio Navarro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first and third presidents of Texas. - Established peace with many Texas Indian tribes. - Limited size of the government and disbanded army to decrease spending. - Advocated for Texas annexation. |
| 7. a) Chief Bowles b) Mary Maverick c) William Goyens d) John Coffee Hays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A free Black person in Nacogdoches. - A successful businessman and property owner. - Fought for his rights as a free man in east Texas. |
| 8. a) Sam Houston b) José Antonio Navarro c) Juan Seguín d) Mirabeau Lamar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Antonio's representative in Texas' Congress. - Worked to protect the rights of Tejanos. - Took part in the Santa Fe Expedition. Was imprisoned but refused to deny his loyalty to Texas. - Delegate to the Convention of 1485 which accepted annexation. Helped write the Texas constitution. |
| 9. a) Stephen F. Austin b) Anson Jones c) Mary Maverick d) John Coffee Hays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The best-known Texas Ranger. - Took part in the Battle of Salado against the Mexican invasion of Texas. - Led rangers in attacks against Comanches in the west. |

Part III: Matching

The left column contains significant events of the Republic of Texas. The right column provides the effect of each event. Match each cause on the left with its correct effect on the right.

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___ 1) President Mirabeau Lamar waged wars against Texas Indians in east Texas and on the western frontier.

___ 2) Mexico refused to recognize Texas as an independent nation, instead declaring it was still part of Mexico.

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___ 3) Texas' cotton economy was based on slave labor.

___ 4) Mexico invaded Texas twice in 1842, briefly occupying San Antonio both times.

___ 5) Some Tejanos in east Texas opposed Texas' independence. They wanted Texas to remain a state in Mexico and return to the Constitution of 1824.

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___ 6) President Lamar wanted Texas to expand into a larger empire and to establish new trade relationships to improve the Texas economy.

A. The United States opposed annexation for several years in order to avoid a potential war with Mexico.

B. These Tejanos teamed up with some east Texas Indians in the failed Córdova Rebellion against Texas.

C. Great Britain would not trade with Texas and many in the United States opposed annexation to avoid conflict between slave and free states.

D. This dramatically increased Texas' debt, pushed the Cherokees out of Texas, and intensified conflict with the Comanches.

E. He sent the unauthorized Santa Fe Expedition to New Mexico, however they were captured and imprisoned in Mexico.

F. President Houston authorized the Somervell Expedition to pursue the Mexican forces. Some men continued on after, taking part in the failed Mier fight. They were imprisoned and some executed.

Part IV: Practice Test Questions

Answer the following practice test questions about the Republic of Texas.

This question has two parts. Read the passage below and then answer the two questions that follow.

"We want that confidence in the stability of our institutions – that reliance upon the protection of our government and laws – that belief in the security of life and property . . . Give us then annexation, and we start fair with the world – our unrivaled lands, and congenial climate will no longer be shunned by the honest and industrious emigrant, and the prudent man of money."

- *The Planter*, A Brazoria Newspaper, February 10, 1844.

1. Based on the excerpt, how did the author of the article view Texas annexation?
 - a. The author believed that annexation would limit immigration into Texas, harming the Texas economy.
 - b. The author claimed the rest of the world wanted Texas to be annexed to the United States to have better access to its lands and resources.
 - c. The author viewed annexation as likely to have a positive effect on Texas safety, government, and economy.
 - d. ~~The author believed the United States would not support annexation as long as Texas maintained its status as a slave-based economy.~~
2. Which statement from the excerpt provides evidence for the answer to the previous question?
 - a. "...that reliance upon the protection of our government and laws – that belief in the security of life and property"
 - b. ~~"...will no longer be shunned by the honest and industrious emigrant, and the prudent man of money."~~
 - c. "Give us then annexation, and we start fair with the world"
 - d. "...our unrivaled lands, and congenial climate will no longer be shunned by the honest and industrious emigrant"

3. Determine which contribution explains each individual's significance to the Republic of Texas. Write the letter of the contribution in the box under the individual's name.
- Fought the Comanches on the western frontier, the invading Mexican troops, and suspected thieves along the border and frontier.
 - Formed peace agreements with many Indian tribes, reduced the size of the government, and worked for Texas annexation to the United States.
 - Began a costly "war of extermination" against Texas Indians, relocated the capital to Austin, and sent the failed Santa Fe Expedition.
 - Maintained peace with Texas Indians, and under his leadership Texas was finally annexed to the United States.

| Sam Houston | Mirabeau Lamar | Anson Jones | John Coffee Hays |
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4. What reasons did the United States government have for rejecting Texas' first two applications for annexation? Choose **TWO** answers.
- Mexico never recognized Texas' independence, so annexation would likely lead to war between the U.S. and Mexico over ownership of Texas.
 - The United States was hesitant to annex Texas while Great Britain was pursuing a commercial relationship with the republic.
 - ~~Great Britain was likely to see annexation as a threat to Britain's work to abolish slavery on an international level.~~
 - Texas would enter the Union as a slave state, disrupting the balance of power in the U.S. Congress between slave and free states.
5. What were TWO reasons that most Texans and the Texas government supported annexation to the United States? Choose the responses that best complete the sentences in the answer below.

One reason most Texans supported annexation was **(A)** the U.S. would provide protection and security to Texas **(B)** they would be required to abolish slavery **(C)** It would be easier to form commercial partnerships with Britain. A second reason most Texans supported annexation was **(D)** Texas could always leave the U.S. and rejoin Mexico if they wanted to **(E)** it would help the Texas economy **(F)** it would guarantee war with Mexico.