



# *Unit 6:* The Republic of Texas

*Extension Lesson:*

*The Somervell Expedition and the Mier Fight*



# Warm-up

Follow the directions below to complete your warm-up



- Read the scenario presented in your warm-up.



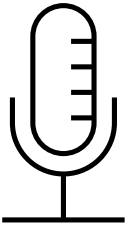
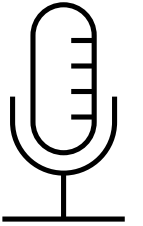
- Complete your warm-up based on what you believe you would do in that scenario.



- Share with a partner.

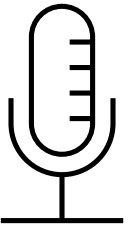
# Share with the class:

As president of Texas, my response to Mexico's two invasions of my country would be to \_\_\_\_\_



I think this is a ***good*** plan because \_\_\_\_\_

One possible ***negative*** aspect of this plan is \_\_\_\_\_





# Essential Question



What were the significant events of the Somervell Expedition and Mier Fight in chronological order, and what was the outcome?

# In Today's Lesson

1. **We will** examine the chronological events of the Somervell Expedition and the Mier Fight and create our own representation of the events.
2. **I will** choose to create either journal entries, a storyboard, or a newspaper article based on the information provided in the chronological list of events from the reading.

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# Timeline of Events





# “The Drawing of the Black Bean” by Frederick Remington



# Activity Options

The chart on your paper presents three options for how to complete this assignment. Read each option and choose **one** of the activities listed. Use the information in the chart to meet all the requirements for your chosen activity.



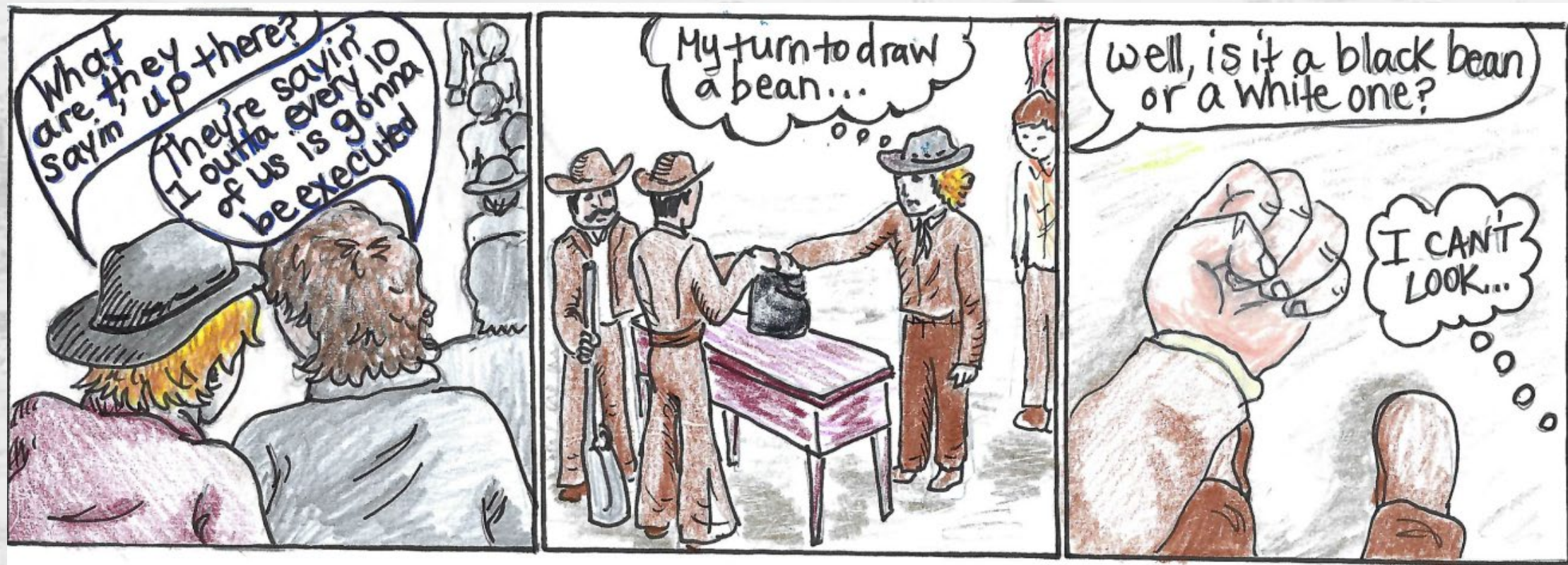
# Option 1: Journal Entries

*December 19, 1842*

*Captain Somervell said we have done all we can do. Sure, we raided Laredo and Guerrero, but we have not actually confronted the Mexican army. They must answer for their invasions of our republic! Somervell has ordered us home, but my honor demands that I stay and continue this fight! Hundreds of us have decided to continue on with a man named Fisher. We leave for the town of Mier tomorrow. May the spirits of those brave defenders who gave their lives at the Alamo guide our righteous steps!*



# Option 2: Storyboard





# Option 3: Newspaper Article

## **Rebels Face Justice at Perote Prison!**

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Veracruz, Mexico. September 2, 1843.

Over 100 rebels from the north Mexican state of Texas have been imprisoned at Perote prison in Veracruz. Not only do these prisoners refuse to acknowledge that Texas rightfully belongs to Mexico, but they also went so far as to attack the Mexican army! What's more, the prisoners show no remorse for their actions. One prisoner stated, "Heck no I'm not sorry! In fact, I'd do it all again if given the chance!"



# Exit Ticket

Follow the directions below to complete your exit ticket



- Read the scenario presented in your exit ticket.



- Complete your exit ticket based on how you believe you would respond to the events from the lesson based on the scenario presented.



- Share with a partner.

# Share with the class:

The events of the Somervell Expedition and Mier Fight would make me *more likely to support Texas annexation* / *more likely to oppose Texas annexation* because \_\_\_\_\_

