



Unit 6: **The Republic of Texas**

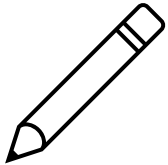
Lesson 8: **Texas Today**

Warm-up

Follow the directions to complete your warm-up



- Use the map to respond to the questions on your warm-up.



- Write your best educated guess about each question



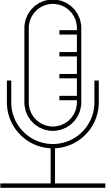
- Discuss with a partner

Permanent School Fund Lands (Public Lands)



Shaded black portions represent public land owned, managed, and leased by the Texas government.

Share with the class



One thing I observe about this map is _____

I think the purpose of this map is _____



One inference I can make based on this map is _____

One way this map might relate to our unit is _____



Essential Question

How has Texas' ownership of its public lands benefitted Texas and Texans since annexation to the United States?

In today's lesson...

1. **We will** examine four significant benefits of Texas's public land ownership as a result of the terms of Texas annexation to the United States.
2. **I will** use context to determine the meaning of new terms and use the information provided to write a short essay summarizing the benefits of Texas' ownership of its public lands.

The Importance of Public Land in Texas

“Understanding the importance of land in the history of Texas is essential to understanding Texas. Few Texans, however, are aware of the role that public land has played in our state's development. Land has not only furnished us valuable natural resources, it has been used to finance government operations, reward veterans, provide internal improvements and fund public education.”

“Understanding the Importance of Land in the History of Texas”
Texas General Land Office

Texas _____
History _____
for _____
Teachers _____

Texas Public Lands: The Gift that Keeps on Giving





The Permanent School Fund

*Texas Public School Statistics
2020 – 2021*

Texas Education Agency

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FINANCES

TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION SPENDING (FY 2020)

TOTAL FUNDING (BILLION)



TOTAL FUNDING

\$69,282,814,579

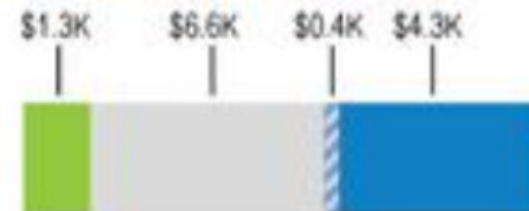
TOTAL FUNDING SNAPSHOT



PER STUDENT FUNDING

\$12,645

PER STUDENT FUNDING SNAPSHOT





Permanent University Fund

*Students at a University of
North Texas graduation
ceremony*

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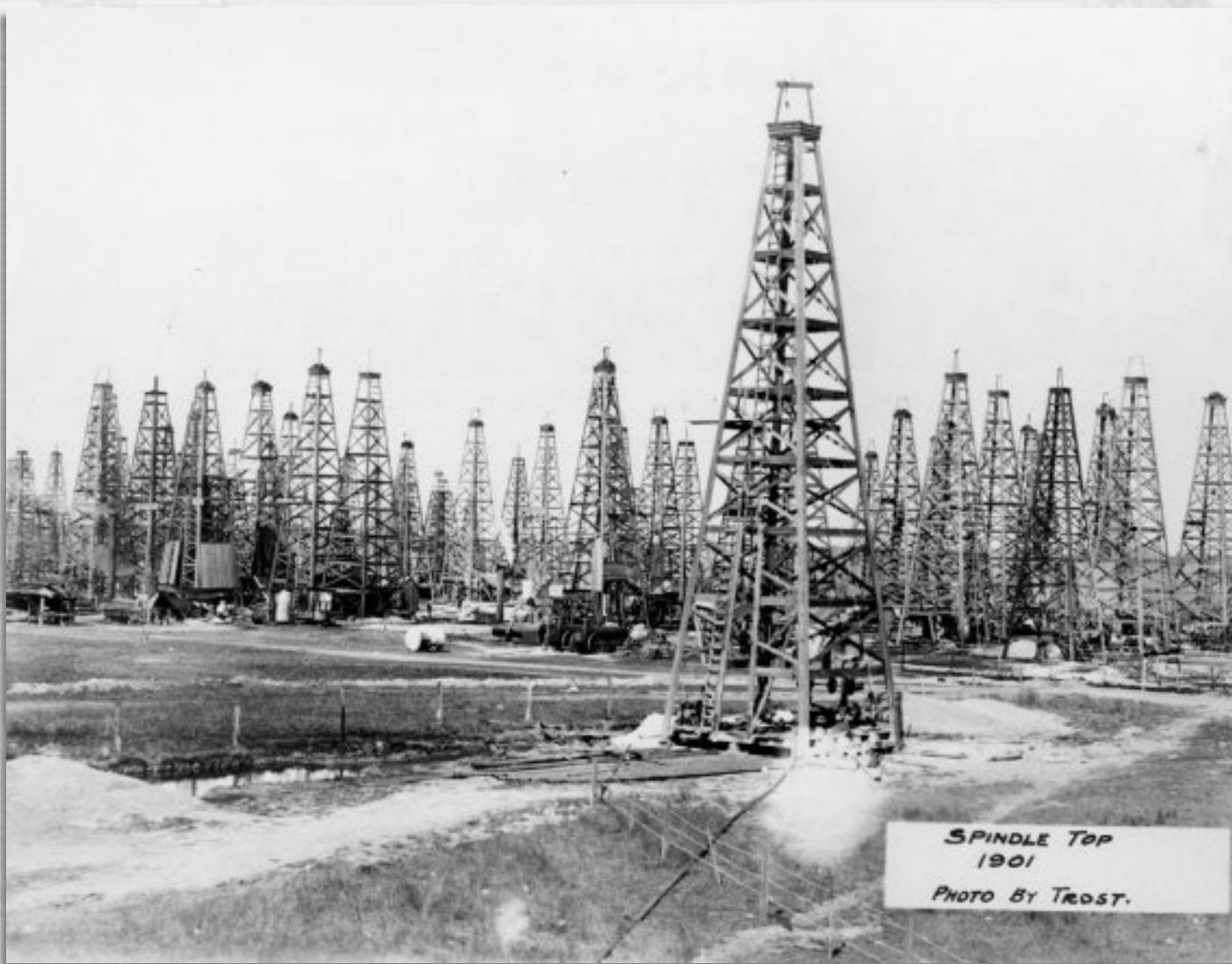
The Veteran Land Board



*World War II Veterans at
U.S. Army McClosky
General Hospital at
Temple, Texas, north of
Austin.*

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Texas Oil & Natural Gas



*The oil field at
Spindletop, 1901*

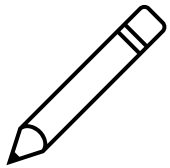
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Exit Ticket

Follow the directions to complete your exit ticket



- Read the excerpt from the Texas General Land Office.



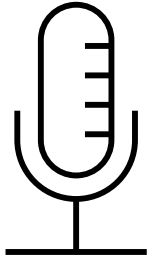
- Based on the information in the excerpt, circle or highlight the option that best completes the statement below the excerpt.



- Discuss with a partner



Share with the class



According to the excerpt above, the U.S. **rejected** / **accepted** Texas' 1844 application for annexation because the U.S. government **wanted** / **did not want** to take responsibility for Texas debt. The U.S. government **believed** / **did not believe** that the millions of acres of Texas public land it would get would be worth enough to pay off Texas' \$10 million in debt.