

What's the Story? *Grade Level*

Unit 6: The Republic of Texas

Name:

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Part I: Significant Events

1. Read each passage about a significant topic during the Texas Revolution.
2. Complete your chart by placing each event in the correct order based on the order of the readings.
3. Write the title of the event and the date it occurred. **NOTE:** Some events may be **ongoing**. Some readings may have more than one event. Record all significant dates.
4. Write quick notes summarizing the most significant events that happened in each reading. Your notes should be 2 – 3 bulleted items in a list.
5. Choose the statement that best explains the significance of the event.

Helpful Tip: Determine the significance first, then identify the events that support or demonstrate the significance.

***First Significant
Event(s)***

Challenges Facing the Republic of Texas

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---|
| | | <p>a) The Republic of Texas era was characterized by challenges that made it difficult for Texas to succeed as a nation.</p> <p>b) The Republic of Texas era was a time when Texas struggled to meet its financial obligations.</p> |

**Second Significant
Event(s)**

Texas' First President: Sam Houston

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| | | a) Despite Houston's success establishing peace with many Indian tribes, he struggled with economic and political challenges. b) Houston was unable to establish successful diplomatic relationships and refused to work with Texas Indian tribes. |

**Third Significant
Event(s)**

The Córdova Rebellion

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
|--------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | a) Tensions between Anglos, Tejanos, and Indians in east Texas increased as a result of the rebellion, and many Indians were forced out of the region. b) The Mexican Army fought against Tejano, Mexican, and Indian rebels for control of the land and its resources in east Texas during this era. |

**Fourth Significant
Event(s)**

Texas' Second President: Mirabeau Lamar

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| | | a) Lamar continued the work and policies of former President Sam Houston, which allowed him to reduce Texas' debt and establish commercial partnerships. b) Lamar established diplomatic relationships with several nations, but his Indian wars and relocation of the capital dramatically increased Texas' debt. |

**Fifth Significant
Event(s)**

The Council House Fight

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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| | | a) The Council House Fight led to significant Comanche attacks on several south Texas towns. b) The U.S. government refused to meet with the Comanches and denied attempts at peace talks in San Antonio. |

***Sixth Significant
Event(s)***

The Santa Fe Expedition

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | a) Lamar's unsuccessful and unauthorized attempt at establishing a commercial and diplomatic relationship with New Mexico that ended in embarrassment for Texas. b) The Santa Fe expedition successfully established commercial relations with the Mexican state of New Mexico. |

***Seventh Significant
Event(s)***

Sam Houston's Second Presidency

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | a) The Republic of Texas seemed weaker than ever and unable to protect its own citizens, but was still unable to be annexed into the U.S. b) Britain wanted to establish a commercial relationship with Texas, but the U.S. opposed the idea out of fear of Britain becoming too powerful in North America. |

***Eighth Significant
Event(s)***

The Last President of Texas: Anson Jones

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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| | | <p>a) The U.S. still did not want to annex Texas, however growing pressure from Great Britain forced America to accept Texas unconditionally.</p> <p>b) The Republic of Texas was finally admitted to the Union with control of its own public lands and keeping all of its own debt.</p> |

Part II: Cause and Effect

Choose **THREE** of the events described in the middle column below. Then explain in your own words the significant cause and effect of each event.

| What caused the event in the middle column? | Significant Event | What was one significant effect of the event? |
|---|---|---|
| | The Republic of Texas had a large amount of debt. | |
| | The U.S. government denied Texas' application for annexation twice. | |
| | Great Britain refused to establish a diplomatic or commercial relationship with Texas | |
| | There were often conflicts between Anglos and Texas Indians, especially in east and west Texas. | |
| | Mirabeau Lamar sent an unauthorized commercial expedition to Santa Fe. | |
| | Texas presidents Houston and then Jones worked very publicly to show that they were trying to establish strong ties to Britain. | |