

Preview of the Republic of Texas *Video*

Unit 6: Republic of Texas

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Video Introduction

This video provides a brief introduction of the major themes and events of the Republic of Texas era unit. Use this viewing guide worksheet to assess your understanding of the topics in the video.

Video Vocabulary

Directions: Before you begin the video, read the terms below to familiarize yourself with new vocabulary introduced in this video.

Term	Definition
Annex (<i>v</i>)	To add or join some territory to a country.
Divisive (<i>adj</i>)	Creating division, disagreement, or anger between people.
Republic (<i>n</i>)	A form of government in which people elect representatives.
International (<i>adj</i>)	Related to other countries in the world
Currency (<i>n</i>)	The money used in a specific country
Treaty (<i>n</i>)	A peaceful agreement or partnership between two or more countries.

While You Watch: True or False

Directions: Read the statements below before you watch the video. Listen for the information in each statement as you watch. Circle whether each statement is true or false.

Circle the answer	Statement
True / False	1. Most Texans strongly opposed giving up their status as an independent nation in order to join the United States.
True / False	2. Many in the United States strongly opposed allowing Texas to join the U.S. as a new state in the country.
True / False	3. The Republic of Texas faced a number of significant challenges during the nearly 10 years it was a country.
True / False	4. Texas' slave-based economy was one reason many countries wanted to establish trade with the Republic.

1. Which statement below best summarizes Texas' views on annexation to the United States?
 - a. Most Texans strongly opposed annexation, or joining the United States, because they had fought hard for independence from Mexico.
 - b. Most Texans preferred forming an alliance with Great Britain or France, rather than annexation to the United States.
 - c. Most Texans opposed slavery and were afraid that the United States would force them to keep slavery in order to maintain a strong economy.
 - d. Most people in Texas supported joining the U.S. because they believed it would benefit Texas in many ways.

2. The video explained that many in the United States government opposed Texas annexation to the U.S. What were the two reasons given in the video for this opposition? Choose **TWO** correct answers.
 - a. The United States opposed slavery and did not want to take part in commerce with Texas because of its slave-based economy.
 - b. The United States government was worried that annexing Texas could lead to war with Mexico, who refused to recognize Texas independence.
 - c. The United States government was concerned about admitting a new slave state to the Union because slavery was an issue many could not agree on.
 - d. The United States wanted to establish commerce with Great Britain, however, the British did not want commercial connections to Texas.
 - e. The United States had made peace treaties with powerful Texas tribes like the Comanche, and the U.S. did not want to risk upsetting their Comanche allies.

3. Explain ONE challenge that the Republic of Texas faced during its time as an independent nation.