

Warm-up

- Responses will vary

Lesson

GRADE LEVEL and FOUNDATIONS

Part I: Introduction

Responses are based on the foundations responses and should be used as a guide for grade level answers.

1. Both documents talk about **(A) the rights of the people in a country C) who gives a government its power**
2. One major difference is the Texas document lists the rights of people as “lives, liberty, and property while the American document lists “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
3. B

Part II: Causes for Separation

1. A
2. A

Part III: Grievances

1. B, C, E
2. Responses will vary

Answer Key: The Texas Declaration of Independence Extension

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Responses and observations will vary but may include the following information recorded below.

Words or Phrases that are the same or similar in the two documents	Ideas or themes that are the same or similar in the two documents	Notable Differences between the two documents
Life Liberty Government Instituted Opinion of mankind Deriving power	People have certain rights that can't be taken away Governments get their power from the consent of the governed When governments stop protecting the people, the people have the right to overthrow the government.	The Texas Declaration says "Life, liberty, and property" while the U.S. declaration says "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," though the Texas Declaration does later mention the happiness of the people.

1. The role or responsibility of the government is to protect the people and their property.
2. The authors of the Texas Declaration believed that the Centralist government had stopped protecting them and their property and was being used for the wrong purpose by bad leaders. An example of this belief is evidenced in the quote, "becomes an instrument in the hands of evil rulers for their oppression."
3. They were writing to explain why they were declaring independence by listing the grievances they had against the Centralist government of Mexico.

Part II: Causes for Separation

1. The Federal government was forcibly changed into a “central military despotism” without the consent of the people, and only now worked for the military and the church.
2. The Anglo settlers came to Texas under the agreement that they would live under constitutional republic, similar to what they were accustomed to in the United States.
3. Santa Anna overturned the constitution and forced people to either accept living under tyranny or leave the country that they had worked so hard to develop.

Part III: Grievances

Student responses will vary but will likely include:

- The people of Texas had little power because they had been joined with the larger, more powerful state of Coahuila.
- The Centralists took control of the government and established forts in Texas, which have Centralist soldiers that have treated the citizens of Texas unfairly.
- The Mexican government requires Catholicism as the national religion, so people aren't free to practice their own religions.
- The Centralist Army is marching to Texas to destroy the land and control the people.

Exit Ticket

- Responses will vary but should include information about how the Texans want independence because the Centralist government has not followed the Constitution of 1824 and has abused its power.