The Battle of San Jacinto Extension *Foundations*

Unit 5: The Texas Revolution

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Video Vocabulary

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

Term	Definition
Improbable *(adj)*	Unlikely or unexpected
Vulnerable *(adj)*	In a position to be easily attacked; not completely safe.
A ridge *(n)*	A long, narrow, elevated area of land
Crest *(n)*	The highest point of elevated land, like a hill or ridge.
Barrage *(n)*	A continuous and heavy period of bombing or shooting in a war or battle, typically aimed at a specific area
Cavalry *(n)*	A branch of the military in which soldiers travel and fight on horses.

Before you watch

Before you watch the video, complete the following **True** or **False** activity below. Answer to the best of your ability based on your previous knowledge or your best educated guess. After your watch the video, return to this chart to answer the "After your watch" column. Compare your answers. Were your first answers correct? What was different?

Before you watch	After you watch	Statement
T / F	T / F	1. Sam Houston retreated from Santa Anna because he did not want to face the centralist army in battle.
T / F	T / F	2. Santa Anna divided his army in an attempt to move as quickly as possible to capture the Texas government and defeat Houston's army.
T / F	T / F	3. The Texas victory at the Battle of San Jacinto was not the primary factor that ended the Texas Revolution.
T / F	T / F	4. The Texas Revolution was important in Texas history but had little influence on the history of the United States or Mexico.

While you watch

There were many factors that led to the Texan victory at the Battle of San Jacinto. Some were strategic plans, some were mistakes, and some were arguably just lucky. As you watch, make quick notes in a bulleted list about the factors that contributed to the Texan victory at San Jacinto. Write one or two factors.

Factors that contributed to the Texan victory at San Jacinto

After you watch

Step 1: Return to the True or False statements on page one of this assignment and complete the "After You Watch" portion.

Step 2: Answer the following questions about the Battle of San Jacinto based on the information presented in the video.

1. Why did Sam Houston's army retreat toward east Texas after the fall of the Alamo? How did many people at the time view this decision?

Houston's army retreated east because… (Choose ONE)	Many people at the time… (Choose ONE)
A) he was too afraid to face Santa Anna's army in a direct conflict.	D) opposed this decision. They wanted Houston's army to fight Santa Anna.
B) he wanted more time to recruit more men and train them.	E) supported this decision. They knew Houston's army could not defeat the centralists.
C) he knew his men could not win a conventional battle against the centralist army.	F) were neutral about this idea. They fully trusted Houston to do what was best for Texas.

2. Read the following excerpt from a report on the progress of the Texas army after the fall of the Alamo, then answer the question that follows.

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Did this author have a positive or negative opinion of Houston's retreat? Use evidence from the excerpt to support your conclusion.

This author had a ***positive / negative*** opinion of Houston's retreat. Evidence from the excerpt that supports this claim is when he stated **(A)** <u>the Texians fortunes were falling because of Houston's retreat</u> **(B)** <u>General Houston was exasperated with Santa Anna for the attack at the Alamo</u> **(C)** <u>Houston's retreat guaranteed their success because he was being careful.</u> **(D)** <u>Santa Anna had not taken measures to secure the success of the Mexican army.</u>

3. Complete the graphic organizer below to show why specific events happened and how each event helped lead to the Texan victory at San Jacinto. Circle or highlight ONE correct answer in each square.

Event	Why did it happen?	How did it help lead to the Texan victory at San Jacinto?
Santa Anna divided his army as he moved east.	**A)** He wanted to move quickly and capture the Texas government. **B)** The couldn't trust several of his generals to carry out his strategy. **C)** Many of his men died from illnesses and had to stay behind.	**A)** It caused Santa Anna's army to be too large and difficult to move. **B)** It caused the Texan army to stop being afraid of the centralists. **C)** It reduced the number of men with Santa Anna, making him easier to defeat.
Santa Anna ordered his men to "stand down" in the afternoon of April 21, 1836 at San Jacinto.	**A)** He didn't know that the Texan army was so close. **B)** He didn't believe the nearby Texas army would attack. **C)** He was waiting for reinforcements.	**A)** It allowed the Mexican army to be rested and prepared for battle. **B)** It caused the Mexican army to be unprepared for an attack. **C)** It allowed the Texans time to rest before battle.

4. Which of the following statements most accurately describes the end of the Texas Revolution? Choose one.
   a. The Texan victory against the centralists at San Jacinto brought an immediate end to the Texas Revolution.
   b. The Texans forced Santa Anna to order his army to surrender when they captured him, which effectively ended the Texas Revolution.
   c. Sam Houston ordered the execution of Santa Anna which ended the war and forced the Mexican government to recognize Texan independence.
   d. ~~The United States of America offered financial and military support to Sam Houston's army which ultimately allowed the Texans to overpower Santa Anna's centralist troops, bringing about an end to the war.~~