Causes of the Texas Revolution
Preview Activity
Analysis of Primary Sources

Analyze the following quotes:
1) Restate each quote in your own words.
2) Identify the speaker as a Mexican or Texan. Give reasons for your choice.

Quote A: “Foreigners . . . have this frontier of our federation open to them to enter without fulfilling the requirements of the law. This country is the asylum for fugitives from neighboring republic [the United States] . . . [Farmers] settle where it suits them, and they take over whatever land they desire without the alcalde’s approval and in defiance of the laws.”

Quote B: “War is our only recourse. There is no other remedy. We must defend our rights, ourselves, and our country by force of arms.”

Discuss responses with the class.
Note: Quote A is from Mier y Teran and quote B is from Stephen F. Austin.