Notebook Lesson

Immigration to Texas
Then and Now

Students will examine newspaper articles published in 1918 – 1922 to learn about Immigration to Texas. For this Notebook Lesson students will need to use the worksheets and view several newspapers online by following the permalinks/buttons provided on each slide.

How to view the articles:
1. from the slide, click on the link
2. click on the newspaper image
3. then click on the zoom link, located on the right side of the page
4. locate and read the article

Word Teach!

What do these words mean?
- Immigrant
- Emigrate
- Liberty
- Ethnic
- Homeland
- Culture
- Diversity
- Tradition

Questions to Consider

- Why did immigrants come to Texas?
- What countries did they come from?
- How did they travel and where did they first arrive?

Use “Immigration to Texas” to complete the activity for this lesson.
Texas Fever in Washington Territory
Special to the Gazette
Terrell, Texas, Feb. 18 – A letter received from one of the Washington territory immigrants shows signs of Texas fever in that locality. The writer says if he ever gets to Texas he will exclaim “Eureka! Eureka!”. He expects to make his way back to Texas as soon as he can.

Why did Immigrants come to Texas?

Letter to the Editor
Seaborn, Texas.
Dear Friends and Editor,
I will try to… It has been a few months only, since I left Shiner for my new home in Northwest Texas. I find everything more progressive than I expected. I like this part of Texas better so far than the southern part of this state.

We had a very mild winter therefore stock done splendid on the ranches. Most of the farmers corn is up and doing fine but still some are plowing corn. It is raining almost every day now for a week or more so, wheat and oats are as good as farmers wish it to be. They are all in hopes of a large grain crop.

Use “Letter to the Editor” worksheet
It won't take long before we hear a locomotive puffing, and the broad headlights shining bright then we will take a ride. Our country is settling up pretty quick immigrants are coming from all directions.

Our school is progressing nicely there were about sixty children enrolled. The railroad is completed to Olney and the train runs regular. There was a crowd of Oklahomites prospecting in our midst the past week. From their report this is a first class country.

………..The nice warm spring days are here and everything is smiling.

So goodbye

(Come again Vinc:. Ed.)

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In class activity: Mapping Diversity

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Where does your family come from?

Use the "Texas Immigrants: Who Are They?" worksheet to complete the activity
Immigrating to Texas Today!

Forgotten Gateway Video

View the Video

Current Issues

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Immigration Today?

Why or Why not?

To understand both sides of the issue use the Venn Diagram