The Republic

1. Why did members of Congress favor invading Mexico? (slide 14)

2. What three actions did Houston take to prevent a war with Mexico? (slide 14) List them below.

3. What does “diplomatic ploy” mean? Use the word “ploy” in a sentence of your own (slide 17).

4. When was Texas first represented in the United States Senate? (slide 17) When did Houston become a United States Senator?
5. How did Houston describe Texas joining the American Union? (slide 17)

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6. Houston warned of the dangers of secession (slide 19). Read the passage below aloud and underline the verbs that you can find. Choose three and use them in sentences of your own.

“To secede from the Union and set up another government would cause war. If you go to war with the United States, you will never conquer her, as she has the money and the men. If she does not whip you by guns, powder, and steel, she will starve you to death. . .it will take the flower of the country—the young men.”

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7. When the Indians heard of Sam Houston’s illness, how did they respond? In your own words, describe what happened (slide 22).

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8. What were the last words uttered by Sam Houston before he passed away? (slide 23)

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9. What was Margaret’s response? Describe what she did in your own words (slide 23).

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10. In one sentence, describe how you feel about Sam Houston.

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