LESSON 1

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Texas, the Lone Star State Today

- *Texas, the Lone Star State*
- *Texas' Rank Among the United States*

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. **FILL IN THE BLANK:** Students will answer the questions on the **"All About the Lone Star State" Student Activity Sheet** using "Texas, the Lone Star State" and "Texas' Rank Among the United States" in the Texas Almanac.

2. **STATE PROFILE COLLAGE:** In five small groups, students will use "Texas, the Lone Star State" and "Texas' Rank Among the United States" to create a **collage reflecting state profile data.** A large outline map of Texas will be divided into five sections and each group will place its information on one section.

   a. The **Panhandle area** of Texas will contain the collage reflecting state profile data on **population.**

   b. The **western area** of Texas will contain the collage reflecting state profile data on **environment.**

   c. The **central area** of Texas will contain the collage reflecting state profile data on **government.**

   d. The **eastern area** of Texas will contain the collage reflecting state profile data on **business.**

   e. The **southern area** of Texas will contain the collage reflecting data on **your school** population, mascot, types of business in the area, and natural resources in the area.

3. **HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE:** Students will complete the **Hidden Picture Puzzle** using "Texas, the Lone Star State"and "Texas' Rank Among the United States."

   They should read each statement and circle the answer that best completes each sentence. Then, they will color the spaces on the puzzle as indicated by their answer.

   NOTE: Separate worksheets are included for the *Texas Almanac 2014–2015,* the *Texas Almanac 2012–2013,* and the *Texas Almanac 2010–2011.*
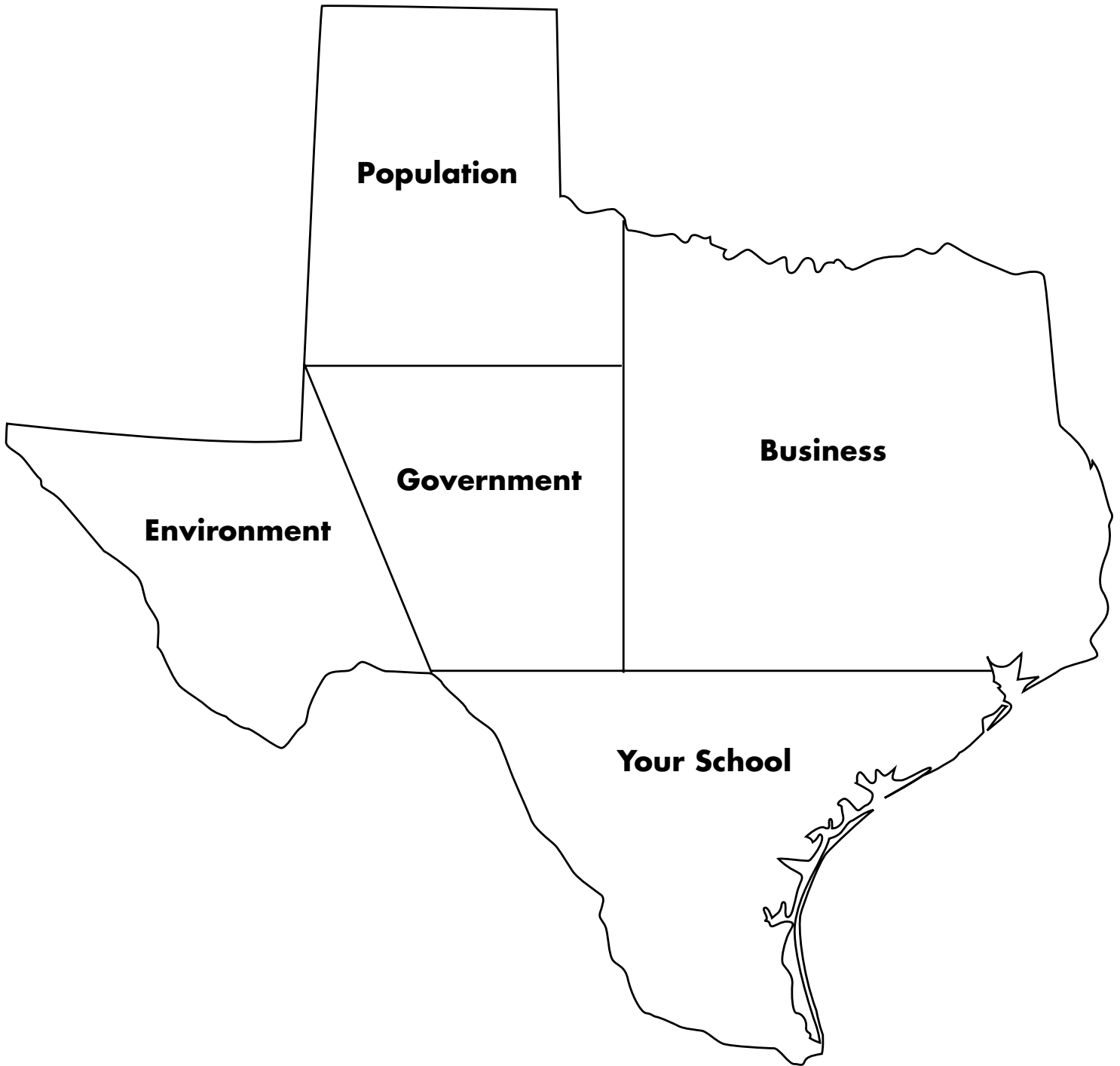
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All about the Lone Star State

DIRECTIONS: **Answer these questions** using "Texas, the Lone Star State" and "Texas' Rank Among the United States" in the Texas Almanac.

a. _____ _____ is nearly two times as large as Fort Worth.

b. There were _____ more births than deaths "on an average day in Texas."

c. Between the two most recent United States censuses (taken every 10 years), the population of Texas increased by _____.

d. Hispanics account for _____ percent of the total population of Texas.

e. There are approximately twice as many cities with a population of 50,000 or more than there are cities with a population of _____ or more.

f. There are _____ acres of farmland in Texas.

g. The origin of the name "Texas" came from a _____ Indian word meaning "friends."

h. Texas is called the _____ _____ _____ because of the design of the state flag.

State Profile Collage

Population

Environment

Government

Business

Your School

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S T U D E N T   A C T I V I T Y

Hidden Picture Puzzle

(For use with the TEXAS ALMANAC 2014–2015)

1. On an average day in Texas in 2010, there were _____ more births than deaths.
   499 – 3, 17, 34, and 47 red
   602 – 7, 45, 52, and 72 red

2. The state with 46,200,000 acres in farmland is _____ .
   Kansas – 5, 43, 48, and 64 blue
   South Dakota – 2, 12, 22, and 65 blue

3. Two products produced on farms in Texas are _____ and _____ .
   cattle and cotton – 8, 35, 40, and 44 white
   cattle and bananas – 19, 37, 45, and 59 white

4. Texas ranks _____ among the 10 fastest growing states.
   first – 16, 32, and 35 red
   second – 2, 13, and 53 red

5. On an average day in Texas, _____ marriages end in divorce.
   504 – 21, 41, 57, and 68 white
   225 – 3, 54, 56, and 61 white

6. The difference between the lowest and highest recorded temperatures is _____ .
   143º – 25, 30, 66, and 70 blue
   97º – 9, 21, 23, and 27 blue

7. The ninth most populous state is _____ .
   Michigan – 33, 36, and 62 red
   Georgia – 1, 38, and 54 red

8. The highest point in Texas is _____ .
   Guadalupe Peak – 11, 29, 49, and 51 white
   Lookout Mountain – 4, 25, 33, and 64 white

9. Texas was admitted to the Union in _____ .
   1836 – 18, 21, and 52 blue
   1845 – 15, 60, and 71 blue

10. The number of savings banks in 2012 was greater than the number of _____ .
    banks – 5, 13, 14, and 53 white
    savings & loan associations – 6, 9, 18, and 34 white

11. New York ranks _____ in the number of unauthorized immigrants among states in 2009.
    fourth – 14, 28, and 46 red
    fifth – 11, 15, and 60 red

12. The number of births per 1,000 in Texas in 2009 was more than that of the United States by _____ .
    3.9 percent – 7, 13, 34, and 58 blue
    2.7 percent – 17, 38, 55, and 67 blue

13. In 2010, there were _____ people per square mile.
    53.1 – 40, 56, and 61 red
    96.3 – 41, 59, and 65 red

14. The highest average annual precipitation occurs in _____ , Texas.
    Jasper County – 1, 16, 32, and 39 white
    El Paso – 30, 48, 50, and 55 white

15. The voting-age population in 2012 was _____
    18,279,737 – 19, 22, and 63 red
    16,071,153 – 10, 20, and 67 red

16. There were approximately _____ times as many Anglos as Blacks in 2012.
    7 – 8, 41, 62, and 71 blue
    4 – 4, 10, 21, and 57 blue

17. What percent difference was there in 2012 between the first and tenth fastest growing states?
    3.4% – 24, 28, and 43 white
    1.6% – 12, 20, and 42 white

18. Tarrant County has _____ cities with a population over 300,000.
    2 – 26, 37, 47, 68 blue
    3 – 18, 29, 41, and 72 blue

19. The average income per capita in 2011 was _____ .
    $40,147 – 24, 27, and 50 red
    $32,512 – 39, 44, and 51 red

20. The difference between the total amount of cropland and harvested land was _____ acres.
    28,656,761 – 7, 46, and 66 white
    14,492,876 – 23, 31, 58, and 69 white

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S T U D E N T   A C T I V I T Y

Hidden Picture Puzzle

(For use with the TEXAS ALMANAC 2012–2013)

1. On an average day in Texas in 2008, there were _____ more births than deaths.
   499 – 3, 17, 34, and 47 red
   659 – 7, 45, 52, and 72 red

2. The state with 46,200,000 acres in farmland is _____ .
   Kansas – 5, 43, 48, and 64 blue
   South Dakota – 2, 12, 22, and 65 blue

3. Two products produced on farms in Texas are _____ and _____ .
   cattle and cotton – 8, 35, 40, and 44 white
   cattle and bananas – 19, 37, 45, and 59 white

4. Texas ranks _____ among the 10 fastest growing states.
   second – 16, 32, and 35 red
   fifth – 2, 13, and 53 red

5. On an average day in Texas, _____ marriages end in divorce.
   504 – 21, 41, 57, and 68 white
   217 – 3, 54, 56, and 61 white

6. The difference between the lowest and highest recorded temperatures is _____ .
   143º – 25, 30, 66, and 70 blue
   97º – 9, 21, 23, and 27 blue

7. The eighth most populous state is _____ .
   Michigan – 33, 36, and 62 red
   Georgia – 1, 38, and 54 red

8. The highest point in Texas is _____ .
   Guadalupe Peak – 11, 29, 49, and 51 white
   Lookout Mountain – 4, 25, 33, and 64 white

9. Texas was admitted to the Union in _____ .
   1836 – 18, 21, and 52 blue
   1845 – 15, 60, and 71 blue

10. The number of savings banks in 2010 was greater than the number of _____ .
    banks – 5, 13, 14, and 53 white
    savings & loan associations – 6, 9, 18, and 34 white

11. New York ranks _____ in the number of unauthorized immigrants among states in 2009.
    fourth – 14, 28, and 46 red
    fifth – 11, 15, and 60 red

12. The number of births per 1,000 in Texas in 2007 was more than that of the United States by _____ .
    3.9 percent – 7, 13, 34, and 58 blue
    2.8 percent – 17, 38, 55, and 67 blue

13. In 2008, there were _____ people per square mile.
    53.1 – 40, 56, and 61 red
    96.3 – 41, 59, and 65 red

14. The highest average annual precipitation occurs in _____ , Texas.
    Jasper County – 1, 16, 32, and 39 white
    El Paso – 30, 48, 50, and 55 white

15. The voting-age population in 2008 was _____
    18,789,238 – 19, 22, and 63 red
    16,071,153 – 10, 20, and 67 red

16. There were approximately _____ times as many Anglos as Blacks in 2008.
    7 – 8, 41, 62, and 71 blue
    4 – 4, 10, 21, and 57 blue

17. What percent difference was there in 2010 between the third and fourth fastest growing states?
    19.4% – 24, 28, and 43 white
    2.7% – 12, 20, and 42 white

18. Tarrant County has _____ cities with a population of over 300,000.
    2 – 26, 37, 47, 68 blue
    3 – 18, 29, 41, and 72 blue

19. The average income per capita in 2009 was _____ .
    $38,609 – 24, 27, and 50 red
    $32,512 – 39, 44, and 51 red

20. The difference between the total amount of cropland and harvested land was _____ acres.
    28,656,761 – 7, 46, and 66 white
    14,492,876 – 23, 31, 58, and 69 white

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S T U D E N T   A C T I V I T Y

Hidden Picture Puzzle

(For use with the TEXAS ALMANAC 2010–2011)

1. On an average day in Texas in 2005, there were _____ more births than deaths.
   499 – 3, 17, 34, and 47 red
   629 – 7, 45, 52, and 72 red

2. The state with 47,200,000 acres in farmland is _____ .
   Kansas – 5, 43, 48, and 64 blue
   South Dakota – 2, 12, 22, and 65 blue

3. Two products produced on farms in Texas are _____ and _____ .
   cattle and cotton – 8, 35, 40, and 44 white
   cattle and bananas – 19, 37, 45, and 59 white

4. Texas ranks _____ among the 10 fastest growing states.
   second – 16, 32, and 35 red
   sixth – 2, 13, and 53 red

5. On an average day in Texas, _____ marriages end in divorce.
   504 – 21, 41, 57, and 68 white
   208 – 3, 54, 56, and 61 white

6. The difference between the lowest and highest recorded temperatures is _____ .
   143º – 25, 30, 66, and 70 blue
   97º – 9, 21, 23, and 27 blue

7. The eighth most populous state is _____ .
   Michigan – 33, 36, and 62 red
   Georgia – 1, 38, and 54 red

8. The highest point in Texas is _____ .
   Guadalupe Peak – 11, 29, 49, and 51 white
   Lookout Mountain – 4, 25, 33, and 64 white

9. Texas was admitted to the Union in _____ .
   1836 – 18, 21, and 52 blue
   1845 – 15, 60, and 71 blue

10. The number of savings banks in 2008 was greater than the number of _____ .
    banks – 5, 13, 14, and 53 white
    savings & loan associations – 6, 9, 18, and 34 white

11. New York ranks _____ in the number of immigrants among the states between 2000–2008.
    second – 14, 28, and 46 red
    fifth – 11, 15, and 60 red

12. The number of births per 1,000 in Texas in 2006 was more than that of the United States by _____ .
    3.9 percent – 7, 13, 34, and 58 blue
    2.8 percent – 17, 38, 55, and 67 blue

13. In 2008, there were _____ people per square mile.
    53.1 – 40, 56, and 61 red
    90.6 – 41, 59, and 65 red

14. The highest average annual precipitation occurs in _____ , Texas.
    Jasper County – 1, 16, 32, and 39 white
    El Paso – 30, 48, 50, and 55 white

15. The voting-age population in 2008 was _____ .
    17,735,442 – 19, 22, and 63 red
    16,071,153 – 10, 20, and 67 red

16. There were approximately _____ times as many Anglos as Blacks in 2007.
    7 – 8, 41, 62, and 71 blue
    4 – 4, 10, 21, and 57 blue

17. What percent difference was there in 2008 between the third and fourth fastest growing states?
    19.4% – 24, 28, and 43 white
    4.2% – 12, 20, and 42 white

18. Tarrant County has _____ cities with a population of over 300,000.
    2 – 26, 37, 47, 68 blue
    3 – 18, 29, 41, and 72 blue

19. The average income per capita in 2007 was _____ .
    $37,038 – 24, 27, and 50 red
    $32,512 – 39, 44, and 51 red

20. The total amount of cropland and pastureland was _____ acres.
    95,323,000 – 7, 46, and 66 white
    38,531,000 – 23, 31, 58, and 69 white

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Hidden Picture Puzzle