

LESSON 45

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Texas Hall of Fame

- *Obituaries*

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. **FIVE-PERSON HALL OF FAME:** Students will select five people from the “Obituaries” section of any recent Texas Almanac or online at:

<http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/obituaries/texas-obituaries>

They will create their own “Hall of Fame,” focusing on these possible categories: artists, community leaders, educators, government officials, merchants, and sport figures. For each person selected, students should choose one of these activities: **write a one-sentence tribute, design a tombstone, or write a rap eulogy.**

2. **WELL-KNOWN TEXANS GAME:** In groups, students will create a Well-Known Texans Game, using the “Obituaries” section. Groups will exchange games to play.

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

4 - 5, 21, 22, 23

7 - 7, 21, 22, 23

8 - 23, 26, 29, 30

STAAR

4, 7 - Writing - 1, 2, 3

4, 7 8 - Reading - 1, 2

8 - Social Studies - 2



Race car driver and designer Carroll Shelby stands by the Maserati 450S he raced in 1957. Born in Leesburg, he designed the Cobra and was the second American to win the Le Mans. Sherry Lambert (CC) photo.



Sherman Hemsley starred in the hit television show “The Jeffersons” for over a decade, 1975–1985, and he lived in El Paso on and off for more than 10 years. Tabercil (CC) photo.

Fort Worth native Norm Alden was a television and movie actor for 50 years, and was well-known for playing the owner of Lou’s Diner in the classic 1985 film Back to the Future.



El Paso native Lupe Ontiveros was a character actress who played a murderous fan in the 1997 film Selena. Festival Internacional de Cine in Guadalajara (CC) photo.