

SPECIAL LESSON 9

TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

SOCIAL STUDIES TEKS

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Lady Bird Johnson

- *From the Texas Almanac 2010–2011*

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

- 1. PEN PAL PREPARATION:** Students will read the article “Lady Bird Johnson” in the *Texas Almanac 2010–2011* or the online article:

<http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/history/lady-bird-johnson>

They will then answer the questions on the **Student Activity Sheet** and compose an email to a pen pal in another country explaining how Claudia Alta “Lady Bird” Taylor Johnson became a beloved Texas icon.

- 2. TIMELINE:** After reading the article “Lady Bird Johnson,” students will create an annotated, illustrated, and colored timeline of Lady Bird Johnson’s life. Use 15 of the dates found in the article or in the timeline that accompanies the article in the *Texas Almanac 2010–2011*.

- 3. ESSAY:** Students will write a short essay that discusses one of the two points listed, below:

- a. Explain how Lady Bird’s experiences influenced her life before she married Lyndon Baines Johnson.
- b. Describe and analyze Lady Bird’s influence on the environment after her marriage to Johnson.

Students may use one of the lined **Student Activity Sheets** for this activity.

- 4. SIX-PANEL CARTOON:** Students will create and color a six-panel cartoon depicting Lady Bird’s influence on the environment after her marriage to LBJ.

- 5. POEM, SONG, OR RAP:** Students will create a poem, song, or rap describing Lady Bird Johnson’s life. Students may use one of the lined **Student Activity Sheets** for this activity.

All photographs in this lesson are courtesy of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum in Austin, Texas.



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STUDENT ACTIVITY

Pen Pal Preparation

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Then, answer these questions and compose an email to a pen pal in another country explaining how Claudia Alta “Lady Bird” Taylor Johnson became a beloved Texas icon.

- a. How did Claudia Johnson receive her “Lady Bird” nickname? _____

- b. What event(s) caused Lady Bird to become concerned about the environment? _____

- c. Lady Bird excelled in school and college; what degrees did she hold from The University of Texas? _____
- d. When and how did Lady Bird arrive in Washington, D.C.? _____

- e. What did Lady Bird use her college education to accomplish? _____

- f. What 1963 event changed her life? _____

- g. What actions did Lady Bird take to help the country accept her husband’s Civil Rights Act of 1964? _____

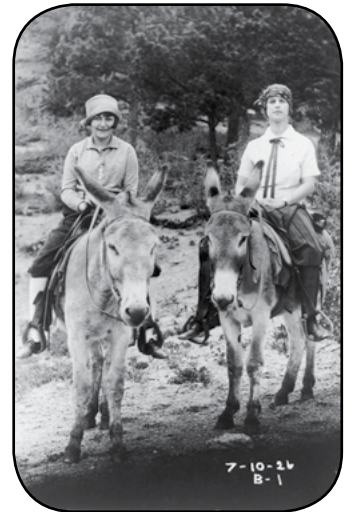
- h. What other important Congressional bills did Lady Bird influence during the presidency of her husband, Lyndon Baines Johnson? _____

- i. To what did Lady Bird turn to find comfort or solace during the Vietnam War turmoil in the late 1960s? _____

- j. After LBJ’s death in 1972, how did Lady Bird continue to help the environment? _____

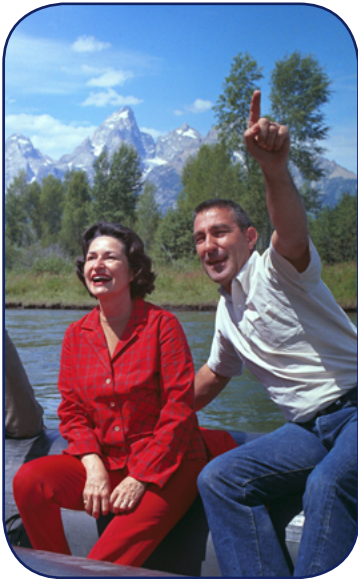
STUDENT ACTIVITY

A black and white photograph of a woman sitting outdoors, holding a young child on her lap. The woman is wearing a light-colored dress with a dark tie and a white collar. The child is wearing a white, patterned dress and a white headband. The background shows trees and a fence.

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STUDENT ACTIVITY

A vintage color photograph with rounded corners, showing three people standing in a field of white flowers. On the left, a woman in a light blue jacket and a white hat. In the center, a young boy in a brown vest. On the right, a woman in a light-colored patterned dress. In the background, the U.S. Capitol building is visible under a clear sky, with a street and cars in the distance.

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*Clockwise from above:
Lady Bird at the U.S. Capitol in 1958; groundbreaking at the Wildflower Research Center near Austin in 1982; with LBJ on their ranch in 1959; rafting the Snake River with Interior Secretary Stewart Udall in 1964; with two children during a Beautification of Washington D.C., tour in 1966.*

