InstructIonal suggestIons

1. MYsterY PIcture PuZZle: Students will complete the History Mystery Picture Puzzle using the “1900–1920” to “World War II” sections of “A Brief Sketch of Texas History” in the Texas Almanac. They will read each statement and determine if it is true or false. If it is true, connect the numbers indicated by the “T.” If it is false, connect the numbers indicated by the “F.” If the answers are correct, students will easily recognize the mystery picture that emerges.

2. Journal: Students will assume the role of a minority living in Texas in the 1920s. They will write a journal entry that reflects their feelings as to how they are treated, what changes they would like to see, and if they believe the “new” organizations will really help.

3. TimelinE: Students will read “Conservatives vs. Liberals” through the “Prosperity” sections of “A Brief Sketch of Texas History” and complete the chronology and timeline activities in the Timeline of Texas in the Twentieth Century Student Activity Sheet.
   a. Determine the year in which each of the events occurred.
   b. Write the year of each event in the blank.
   c. Create an illustrated timeline, with a symbol, illustration, or picture for each of these events.

A dust storm plows through Spearman in Haysford County on April 14, 1935. Photo courtesy of the NOAA Historic National Weather Service Collection/MCT.
# History Mystery Picture Puzzle

1. The highway system was developed during Pat M. Neff’s administration.
   - T - 36 to 43
   - F - 24 to 44

2. Texas Tech University is located in El Paso.
   - T - 42 to 46
   - F - 16 to 17

3. Discontent developed between urban and rural areas in Texas.
   - T - 13 to 19
   - F - 5 to 9

4. The Ku Klux Klan had no support in Texas.
   - T - 26 to 32
   - F - 60 to 66

5. In 1924, Jim Ferguson ran for re-election as governor.
   - T - 68 to 73
   - F - 49 to 50

6. The NAACP was organized to help minorities seek their civil rights.
   - T - 69 to 70
   - F - 67 to 79

7. LULAC was organized in Midland.
   - T - 39 to 54
   - F - 47 to 58

8. The United States Supreme Court upheld the all-white primary.
   - T - 29 to 30
   - F - 4 to 7

9. The Ku Klux Klan lost power after the 1924 election.
   - T - 76 to 77
   - F - 56 to 62

10. Emma Grigsby Meharg was Texas’ first female secretary of state.
    - T - 25 to 31
    - F - 22 to 27

11. Dan Moody worked at changing Texas’ image as an anti-business state.
    - T - 70 to 76
    - F - 1 to 2

12. Texas gave its electoral votes to Al Smith in 1928.
    - T - 53 to 65
    - F - 2 to 3

13. Through the 1920s, oil did not dominate the state’s economic life.
    - T - 55 to 62
    - F - 51 to 63

14. Irrigation and mechanization opened the South Plains to cotton growing.
    - T - 35 to 36
    - F - 8 to 10

15. Agricultural prices were declining by 1929.
    - T - 54 to 55
    - F - 10 to 13

16. Texas business did not suffer during the Depression.
    - T - 15 to 21
    - F - 61 to 62
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17. The glut of new oil drove market prices down.  
   - True 39 to 45  
   - False 1 to 6  

18. The Texas Railroad Commission tried to control oil production.  
   - True 64 to 69  
   - False 54 to 59  

19. The oil boom helped East Texas weather the Depression better than other parts of the state.  
   - True 58 to 64  
   - False 74 to 75  

20. Texas did not want assistance from the federal government to provide relief from the effects of the Depression.  
   - True 37 to 43  
   - False 16 to 35  

21. Prohibition and local-option laws were repealed in 1933.  
   - True 38 to 48  
   - False 60 to 61  

22. Many Texas banks failed during the Depression.  
   - True 50 to 55  
   - False 7 to 18  

23. In Washington, Texans played an important role in shaping Roosevelt’s New Deal.  
   - True 2 to 17  
   - False 70 to 71  

24. Soil erosion was a major problem during the days of the Dust Bowl.  
   - True 3 to 4  
   - False 13 to 14  

25. The New Deal brought an end to the Depression.  
   - True 60 to 67  
   - False 66 to 77  

26. A pay-as-you-go amendment was added to the state constitution in 1942.  
   - True 7 to 10  
   - False 59 to 66  

27. Most Texans opposed involvement in World War II.  
   - True 22 to 23  
   - False 31 to 39  

28. Audie Murphy became one of the most decorated soldiers of WWII.  
   - True 43 to 47  
   - False 40 to 41  

29. During the 1940s, the state’s population was changing from rural to urban.  
   - True 45 to 49  
   - False 52 to 63  

30. Texas leaders feared the development of new industries.  
   - True 18 to 24  
   - False 19 to 25
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Lesson 14 – Depression to Prosperity

STUDENT ACTIVITY

Timeline of Texas in the Twentieth Century

STEP 1 DIRECTIONS: Students will use the “Conservatives vs. Liberals” through the “Prosperity” sections of “A Brief Sketch of Texas History” to learn the year in which each event, below, occurred; write the year in the blank next to the event.

________ The integrated circuit that became the central part of the computer was developed and patented.

________ President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

________ Texas voters participated in their first presidential primary.

________ Curtis Graves, Barbara Jordan, and Joe Lockridge were the first blacks to serve in the Texas Legislature since 1898.

________ The French ship SS Grandcamp exploded at Texas City.

________ Segregation in schools was ruled unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.

________ Lyndon B. Johnson was elected president of the United States.

________ According to the U.S. Census, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio were listed among the 10 largest cities in the nation.

________ Lyndon B. Johnson was elected vice president of the United States.

________ Texans elected their first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

________ The state’s first broad-based sales tax was created.

________ The “Tidelands issue” caused Texas to support the Republicans in the presidential election.

STEP 2 DIRECTIONS: On a separate sheet of paper, students will use the events listed above to create an illustrated timeline with the following:

a. Date of each event.

b. Description of each event.

c. Symbol, illustration, or picture of each event.

d. Ranking from 1–12 (with “1” being the most important event on the timeline that made the biggest impact on Texas, the United States, and the world, and “12” being the least important).