LESSON 2
TEXAS ALMANAC TEACHERS GUIDE

Symbols of Texas

• State Flags and Symbols
• Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals

INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. WORD SEARCH: Students will complete the State Symbols Word Search using the state flags and state symbols sections in the front of the Texas Almanac and “Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals,” which can be found in the Culture section. Students should fill in the blanks first and then use these terms to complete the word search.

2. CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Students will complete the State Symbols Crossword Puzzle.

3. REVERSE OF STATE SEAL DESIGN: Using information in the state flags and state symbols sections, students will create their own design for the reverse side of the State Seal.

4. STATE FLAG USAGE & STATE SYMBOL DESIGN:
   a. Students will role-play proper usage of the Texas Flag. For additional information, see https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ref/abouttx/flagcode.html.
   b. In small groups, students will brainstorm and produce a word web showing reasons why rules were passed by the Legislature to promote the correct usage of the Texas Flag.
   c. Students will conduct a community service project in which they will observe and report on violations of the Texas Flag Code. Students will present information on flag usage at their site visitations.
   d. Students will create, design, and color what they consider to be the next state symbol.

5. CALENDAR OF TEXAS HOLIDAYS: Using the “Holidays, Anniversaries, and Festivals” section, students will make a calendar of holidays, anniversaries, and festivals in Texas and then illustrate the calendar using state flags and symbols sections or their own designs.

6. MINI-SCRAPBOOK: Students will find ideas in the state flags and state symbols sections to construct a Mini-Scrapbook (Appendix). They will draw or glue color illustrations of state symbols and/or holidays to mini-book pages.

7. BILLBOARD:
   Students will create a colorful billboard to welcome visitors to Texas as they cross the state line, using the state flags and state symbols sections.

The longhorn is the state large mammal (1995).

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State Symbols Word Search

1. The ________________ is the building shown on the back of the State Seal.
2. In Spanish, the ________________ is called “el conejo.”
3. The ________________ is the State Gem.
4. The flag designed by David G. ________________ had a gold star.
5. The ________________ is on the back of the State Seal to represent the Battle of Gonzales.
6. The flag of the ________________ of America was used from 1861 to 1865.
7. In 1977, chili was selected as the State ________________.
8. ________________ is a state holiday observed on June 19.
9. Guadalupe bass was selected as the State ________________ in 1989.
10. In 1991, the State Legislature selected the square dance as the State ________________.
11. The ________________ flag flew over Texas from 1685 to 1690.
12. ________________ was designated the State Motto in 1930.
13. In 1993, the Texas red ________________ was selected as the State Fruit.
14. Texas ________________ is observed on March 2.
15. August 27, the birthday of Lyndon B. ________________, is a state holiday.
16. Texas is known as the ________________ State.
17. The ________________ flag flew over Texas from 1821 to 1836.
18. In 1927, the ________________ was chosen as the State Bird.
19. “Texas ________________” are words shown on the back of the State Seal.
20. The ________________ is the State Tree.
21. The flag of the ________________ is the same as the current state flag.
22. A state holiday observed on April 21 is ________________.
23. The ________________ flag flew over Texas from 1519 to 1821.
24. In January, Texans observe Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday as a ________________.
25. “______________, ______________” is the State Song.
26. The words on the front of the State Seal are “______________, ______________.”
27. The flag of the ________________ is to be flown to the viewer’s left.
28. Lorenzo de ________________ may have designed an early Texas flag.
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State Symbols Word Search

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O A W Q E Z W K X C H H S I F Z V H O E Z N H N L I M I W
F S E E P T C J W B U N I T E D S T A T E S E W H T V R V
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G I E K S T C S J K P W N E V H N R N I S P H L T N V K H
T Y N D O E N N G F K I N N J H F R P W H R C M R A Z P H
G U T V T T I H E D G K J X X P W H R C A P H L I A A V K
State Symbols Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS CLUES
1. He is thought to have designed a flag with a blue field and white star: ________________.
4. His flag had a gold star: ________________.
5. Guadalupe bass is the State ________________.
9. It is the State Flower: ________________.
10. The building shown on the back of the State Seal is the ________________.
11. It is the State Motto: ________________.
12. Texas Independence Day is observed on ________________ 2.
15. It is the State Gem: ________________.
16. This tree branch is shown on the front of the State Seal: ________________.
17. His birthday is a state holiday observed in August: ________________.
18. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday is a state holiday observed in ________________.

DOWN CLUES
2. Texas is known as the ________________ State.
3. It is a tree branch shown on the front of the State Seal: ________________.
6. It is the State Tree: ________________.
7. It is the State Song: “______________ ________________ ________________.”
8. It is the State Bird: ________________.
10. San Jacinto Day is observed on ______________ 21.
13. It is the State Dish: ________________.
14. It is on the back of the State Seal to represent the Battle of Gonzales: ________________.
State Symbols Crossword Puzzle

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TEXAS ALMANAC POSTER

FLAGS OF TEXAS

United States
1845-Present

Republic
Republic: 1836-1845; State: 1845-Present

Spain
1519-1821

Mexico
1821-1836

France
1685-1690

Confederate States of America
1861-1865

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