1. **FINDING ANSWERS IN THE INDEX:** Students will use the Index of any recent Texas Almanac to find the answers to these questions. Words in bold indicate the correct reference in the Index.

a. What is the primary mountain range in the Big Bend National Park? _______________________

b. What is the population of Houston (city), the largest city in Texas? ______________________

c. Annexation of Texas as the 28th state occurred on December 29 of what year? ____________

d. Many Fairs, Festivals, and Special Events occur in Texas. Which one would you most like to attend? Where and when does it occur? __________________________________________

e. How many kinds of rattlesnakes can be found in Texas? ______________________________

f. You and your family would like to see the bats leaving the cave at dusk at the Devil’s Sinkhold State Natural Area. In what season of the year must you go? ______________________

g. Make a hypothesis about which county receives the greatest economic impact from tourism. Which county did you choose? Why did you choose that county? Were you correct? __________________________________________________________________________

h. In Texas Public Schools, how much is spent per student each year? ______________________

i. The assassination of President John Kennedy occurred in Dallas on what date? __________

j. There are various boundary lines in Texas. What is the total length (in miles) for these boundaries? _____________________________________________________________

k. The National Forests in Texas cover 637,472 acres in parts of how many counties? ________

l. Which came to Texas first, professional basketball (Texas Almanac 2010–2011), professional football (Texas Almanac 2012–2013), or professional baseball (Texas Almanac 2014–2015)? All three articles appear at: http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/sports/sports. __________________________

m. In what year was the Monarch butterfly designated a state symbol? _____________________

n. Loving County (profile) is the least-populated county in Texas. Its county seat is the only town in the county. What is the name of that town? ____________________________________

o. Brewster County (profile) is the largest county in land area and is almost as big as what two states combined? __________________________________________________________

p. There are temperature extremes in Texas. What are the record high and low temperatures? __________________________