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**Early Texas Statehood
and the Civil War**
**Early Texas Statehood and the
Civil War: Vocabulary**

Experience	Word	Definition
Texas Gains Statehood	annexation	the act of one country joining another country; in this lesson, Texas joined the United States
The U.S.-Mexican War	annexed Texas	when the United States officially added Texas to the country
The U.S.-Mexican War	claim	to say that land or a border belongs to a country
Civil War: Texas Secedes from the United States	Civil War	a war fought between groups or citizens of the same country
Civil War: Texas Secedes from the United States	Confederacy	the Confederate States of America, the new country formed by southern states that seceded from the United States
The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	dialect	a form of a language spoken in a certain region, with its own words and pronunciation
Texas in the Civil War	enlist	to join the military; many Texans enlisted in the Confederate Army during the Civil War
Enslaved African Americans in Texas	enslaved people	men, women, and children who were held in slavery and forced to work for others
The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	German Belt	the area in central Texas, from the Coastal Plain to the Hill Country, where many German immigrants settled
The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	immigrant	a person who comes to live in a new place or country
The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	immigration	the movement of people into a new place to live, such as people coming from Europe and other parts of the world to Texas



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The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	influence	the power to affect people or places; German influence can still be seen in Texas towns, schools, businesses, and celebrations
Texas Gains Statehood	joint resolution	an official action passed by Congress; in 1845, Congress used one to offer annexation to Texas
Texas in the Civil War	Juneteenth	the holiday that marks June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston and announced that enslaved people in Texas were free
The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	land grant	land given by the government to encourage people to settle in Texas
Enslaved African Americans in Texas	legislature	the group of lawmakers in Texas that passed laws, including laws that protected slavery
Civil War: Texas Secedes from the United States	loyalty oath	a formal promise to be faithful to a government
Texas Gains Statehood	Manifest Destiny	the belief that the United States was meant to expand westward
The Attraction of Texas for Immigrants	Oktoberfest	an annual celebration in many Texas German communities with traditional clothing, food, music, and dancing
Enslaved African Americans in Texas	plantation	a large farm where many crops were grown and where many enslaved people were forced to work
Texas in the Civil War	refugee	a person who leaves home to escape danger; during the Civil War, some families fled fighting in other southern states and came to Texas
Texas Gains Statehood	Republic of Texas	the independent country Texas was before it became a U.S. state
The U.S.-Mexican War	Rio Grande	the river that became the border between Texas and Mexico after the war


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Enslaved African Americans in Texas	runaway enslaved person	an enslaved person who tried to escape from slavery to reach freedom
Civil War: Texas Secedes from the United States	secede	to officially leave a country or union
Enslaved African Americans in Texas	slavery	a system in which people are forced to work without freedom or pay and are treated as property
Enslaved African Americans in Texas	spirituals	religious songs sung by enslaved African Americans that helped express feelings and keep traditions alive
Texas Gains Statehood	state constitution	a plan of government for a state; Texas had to write and ratify one before joining the United States
Civil War: Texas Secedes from the United States	tariff	a tax on goods brought in from other countries
The U.S.-Mexican War	tension	growing anger or disagreement between people or countries
Texas Gains Statehood	timeline	a tool that shows events in the order they happened over time
The U.S.-Mexican War	Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo	the agreement that ended the U.S.-Mexican War and set the Rio Grande as the border of Texas
The U.S.-Mexican War	U.S.-Mexican War	a war between the United States and Mexico from 1846 to 1848 over Texas and land in the West
Civil War: Texas Secedes from the United States	Union	the United States and the states that did not secede during the Civil War
Texas in the Civil War	war effort	the work people do to help a country fight a war, such as serving as soldiers, making supplies, or sewing uniforms and flags



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Texas Gains Statehood	westward expansion	the growth of the United States farther to the west
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