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Modern Texas

Modern Texas: Vocabulary

Experience	Word	Definition
Texas and the Aerospace Industry	aerospace industry	the businesses and jobs that build, study, and support aircraft and space travel
Texas During World War II	ammunition	bullets, shells, and other supplies used as weapons in war
Changing Demographics in Texas	bilingual	able to use two languages; a bilingual school program teaches students in two languages
Changing Demographics in Texas	census	a count and survey of the people living in the United States that happens every ten years
The Dust Bowl in Texas	conservation	the careful use and protection of natural resources such as soil and water
Changing Demographics in Texas	customs and traditions	the special ways a cultural group celebrates, behaves, and keeps important practices over time
Changing Demographics in Texas	demographics	facts that describe a population, such as age, ethnicity, income, and language
The Great Depression	deported	forced to leave a place or country by the government; during the Great Depression, some Mexican immigrants and Mexican American families were pressured or forced to leave
The Dust Bowl in Texas	drought	a long time with very little or no rain, which dries out the soil and harms crops
The Dust Bowl in Texas	Dust Bowl	a period in the 1930s when drought and blowing dust damaged land, crops, and lives in Texas and other Great Plains states
Texas and the Aerospace Industry	economy	the way money, jobs, and businesses work in a place; in this lesson, the aerospace industry helps


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		Texas's economy grow
Spindletop and the Oil Industry	fossil fuels	natural fuels such as oil and gas that formed over millions of years from ancient plants and animals
Texas During World War II	G.I. Bill	a law passed in 1944 that helped returning veterans pay for college or job training
The Great Depression	Great Depression	a time in the 1930s when many banks and businesses failed, many people lost their jobs, and families in Texas and across the United States faced hard times
Spindletop and the Oil Industry	gusher	a well where oil shoots out of the ground with great force, like the famous Spindletop well
The Dust Bowl in Texas	human modification of the environment	changes people make to the land, such as plowing grasslands, building cities, or creating drainage systems
Changing Demographics in Texas	immigration	when people move from another country to live in Texas or another place in the United States
Spindletop and the Oil Industry	industrialization	the growth of factories, businesses, and machines in an economy; in Texas, oil and gas helped speed this growth
Texas During World War II	internment camp	a place where the government forced many people of Japanese ancestry to live during World War II because of fear and suspicion
Texas and the Aerospace Industry	Johnson Space Center	a NASA space center in Houston where astronauts train and where many space missions are guided
Urban Growth	metropolitan area	a large city and the nearby towns or suburbs that are closely connected to it
Texas and the Aerospace Industry	Mission Control	the team and control center in Houston that communicates with astronauts and helps guide space missions


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Texas and the Aerospace Industry	mission	an important job or trip with a special goal, such as a spaceflight
The Great Depression	New Deal	programs started by the United States government to help people during the Great Depression by creating jobs and offering support
Spindletop and the Oil Industry	nonrenewable energy sources	energy sources with a limited supply that take a very long time to form, such as oil and natural gas
Spindletop and the Oil Industry	petrochemicals	chemicals and products made from oil and natural gas, such as plastics and synthetic rubber
Changing Demographics in Texas	population growth rate	how fast the number of people in a place is increasing
Urban Growth	property tax	money paid on land or buildings that helps support local services such as public schools
Texas During World War II	rationing	limiting how much of certain goods people could buy so enough supplies would be available for the war effort
Urban Growth	refinery	a factory where crude oil is changed into useful products such as gasoline
Spindletop and the Oil Industry	renewable energy sources	energy sources that are naturally replaced, such as wind, solar power, and biofuels
Urban Growth	rural	countryside areas with farms, ranches, and small communities instead of large cities
The Dust Bowl in Texas	soil erosion	the wearing away or blowing away of soil by wind or water
Texas and the Aerospace Industry	space program	the work a country does to explore space, including training astronauts, building spacecraft, and carrying out missions



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Spindletop and the Oil Industry	Spindletop	a salt dome oil field near Beaumont, Texas, where a huge oil discovery in 1901 started the first big oil boom in Texas
The Great Depression	stock market	a place where people buy and sell shares in companies; when stock prices crashed in 1929, it helped start the Great Depression
Urban Growth	suburb	a smaller community next to or near a large city where many people live
The Dust Bowl in Texas	topsoil	the top layer of soil, where plants grow best and where roots get nutrients
Urban Growth	urban	related to cities and towns where many people live and work close together
Urban Growth	urbanization	the change that happens when more people move to cities to live and work
Texas During World War II	veteran	a person who has served in the military
The Great Depression	wages	the money workers are paid for their jobs; during the Great Depression, many people had lower wages or no job at all
Texas During World War II	war effort	all the work people and businesses did to help the country during World War II, such as serving in the military and making supplies
The Great Depression	Work Progress Administration (WPA)	a New Deal agency that gave jobs to unemployed people and built roads, schools, parks, and other projects in Texas