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**Revolution and
Republic of Texas**
Revolution and Republic of Texas: Vocabulary

Experience	Word	Definition
The Battle of the Alamo	battle	a fight between armies; the Battle of the Alamo was a major event in the Texas Revolution
Causes of the Texas Revolution	Battle of Gonzales	the first battle of the Texas Revolution, fought in 1835 when settlers refused to give up their cannon to Mexican soldiers
Victory at the Battle of San Jacinto	Battle of San Jacinto	the final major battle of the Texas Revolution, where Texan forces defeated the Mexican army
Sam Houston: Republic of Texas President	budget	a plan for how much money a government expects to take in and spend
Causes of the Texas Revolution	centralize	to take power away from the states and put more control in the national government
Victory at the Battle of San Jacinto	commander	a military leader in charge of soldiers, such as Sam Houston or Santa Anna
Causes of the Texas Revolution	Come and Take It	the message on the Gonzales flag that dared Mexican soldiers to try to take the cannon by force
Sam Houston: Republic of Texas President	constitution	the written plan of government that voters approved for the Republic of Texas in 1836
Causes of the Texas Revolution	Constitution of 1824	Mexico's plan of government that gave some power to the states; many Texans were angry when Santa Anna stopped supporting it
Texas Declares Independence	convention	a formal meeting where delegates gather to discuss issues and make decisions, such as the Convention of 1836
Sam Houston: Republic of Texas President	currency	money used by a country or government; the Republic of Texas printed its own paper money
Sam Houston:	debt	money that is owed; the Republic of Texas had


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Republic of Texas President		debt because it spent more money than it had, especially after the Revolution
Texas Declares Independence	declare independence	to officially say that a place is no longer ruled by another country and will govern itself
The Battle of the Alamo	defenders	the people who protected the Alamo against the Mexican Army during the battle
Texas Declares Independence	delegate	a chosen representative who meets with others to make important decisions for a group of people
Life in the Republic of Texas	enslaved African Americans	African Americans who were forced to work without freedom in the Republic of Texas
Life in the Republic of Texas	free Black Texans	African Americans in Texas who were not enslaved, though they still faced unfair laws and restrictions
Texas Declares Independence	grievances	complaints about unfair actions or problems caused by a government
Victory at the Battle of San Jacinto	independence	freedom to govern yourself instead of being controlled by another country; Texas won this from Mexico after San Jacinto
Sam Houston: Republic of Texas President	inflation	when too much money is printed and each dollar is worth less, so prices go up
Native American Relations in the Republic of Texas	indigenous peoples	the first people who lived in Texas before settlers arrived, including groups such as the Cherokee, Comanche, and Lipan Apache
The Battle of the Alamo	landmark	an important place that people remember and visit; the Alamo is a famous Texas landmark and symbol
Life in the Republic of Texas	livestock	farm animals such as cattle that people raised for food, work, or goods
Causes of the Texas Revolution	militia	a group of ordinary citizens who come together to defend their community


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Native American Relations in the Republic of Texas	national debt	the total amount of money a government owes; Texas went deeper into debt because Lamar spent a lot on soldiers, forts, and defense
Life in the Republic of Texas	plantation	a large farm where crops such as cotton were grown, often using enslaved labor
Native American Relations in the Republic of Texas	policy	a plan or way of handling a problem; Houston and Lamar had very different policies toward Indigenous peoples in Texas
The Battle of the Alamo	primary source	a record made by someone who was there or lived at the time, such as Susanna Dickinson's diary
Life in the Republic of Texas	public school system	a group of schools supported by the government for children in a community
Sam Houston: Republic of Texas President	redbacks	paper money used in the Republic of Texas that later lost much of its value
Native American Relations in the Republic of Texas	relocate	to move people from one place to another; under Lamar, many Indigenous families were forced to leave Texas
Life in the Republic of Texas	religious freedom	the right of people to choose and practice their own religion
Victory at the Battle of San Jacinto	Republic of Texas	the independent country that Texas became after the Texas Revolution ended
Texas Declares Independence	Runaway Scrape	the mass flight of Texas settlers and the new government eastward in 1836 as Santa Anna and the Mexican Army advanced
The Battle of the Alamo	siege	a military attack in which an army surrounds a place for days or longer to try to capture it
Victory at the Battle of San Jacinto	surrender	to stop fighting and give up to the other side


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Causes of the Texas Revolution	tariff	a tax placed on goods brought into an area; tariffs on needed supplies hurt many settlers in Texas
Texas Declares Independence	Texas Declaration of Independence	the 1836 document in which Texas leaders explained their complaints against Mexico and declared Texas a free and independent republic
Native American Relations in the Republic of Texas	Texas Rangers	groups first organized to protect settlements and patrol the frontier; they later served as scouts, messengers, and defenders in Texas
Causes of the Texas Revolution	Texas Revolution	the fight between Texas settlers and Mexico that began in 1835 after growing conflicts with the Mexican government
Native American Relations in the Republic of Texas	treaty	a formal agreement between groups or governments, such as the agreement Sam Houston supported to recognize Cherokee land in East Texas
Victory at the Battle of San Jacinto	turning point	an event that causes an important change, creating a clear before and after