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Texas Culture

Texas Culture: Vocabulary

Experience	Word	Definition
The Role of Active Citizens	active citizen	a person who takes part in helping the community and democracy, such as volunteering, staying informed, or contacting public officials
Symbols of Texas	allegiance	loyalty or faithfulness to a state, country, or flag
Symbols of Texas	anthem	an official song of a state or country; in this lesson, "Texas, Our Texas" is the Texas state song
Famous Texans	benefit society	to help many people in a community or state by improving life, health care, or business
The Role of Active Citizens	civic affairs	activities that help make a difference in a community; they can be volunteer work or paid work and can focus on political or non-political issues
Famous Texans	contribution	something a person does, creates, or gives that helps others or makes Texas better known
Cultural Life in Texas	contributions	the important things people add or bring that help shape Texas culture, such as songs, books, artworks, or performances
Cultural Life in Texas	culture	the shared way of life of a group of people, including things like music, language, food, celebrations, and art
The Role of Active Citizens	democratic process	the way people take part in government by having a voice, such as voting, choosing leaders, and participating in public life
Cultural Life in Texas	ethnic or racial identity	a person's background and group connections, which can influence what an artist expresses in their work
Famous Texans	innovation	a new idea, method, or invention that improves how people live or work, such as new medical technology developed in Texas

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Famous Texans	inventor	a person who creates a new product or process, such as Gail Borden creating a way to condense milk
Symbols of Texas	main idea	the most important point or message in a verse, chorus, or other text
Famous Texans	medical research	careful study to learn more about health, medicine, and ways to treat people
Symbols of Texas	pledge	a serious promise
The Role of Active Citizens	preserve	to protect and keep something important, especially historic places, records, or memories, so people in the future can learn from them
Cultural Life in Texas	primary source	a source that gives direct information from the time or person being studied, such as an interview, recording, document, or artifact
The Role of Active Citizens	public official	a government leader or worker, such as a mayor, governor, senator, or representative, who serves the people
Symbols of Texas	recite	to say or repeat words aloud from memory or by reading them
Famous Texans	scientist	a person who studies science to learn new things, such as Millie Hughes-Fulford in biomedical studies
Cultural Life in Texas	secondary source	a source that gives information about a topic after it happened, such as a biography or article about an artist
Symbols of Texas	state symbol	an official object, animal, song, or other sign chosen to represent Texas
Cultural Life in Texas	Tejano	a word for Mexican Texans; in this lesson, it also describes a style of Texas music connected to Mexican Texan culture

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Cultural Life in Texas	Tejano music	a Texas music style that blends influences from Spanish, Mexican, European accordion music, and African American music traditions such as blues, rhythm and blues, rock, and jazz
The Role of Active Citizens	volunteer	a person who chooses to give time and effort to help others or a cause without being paid