

# The Texas Story

*What do you know about Texas?  
Read to see what else you can  
learn.*

## How Big Is Texas?

<sup>1</sup> Texas is the second-largest state in the United States. Only Alaska is larger. Texas is also second when it comes to the number of people living in the state. Only California has more people than Texas.

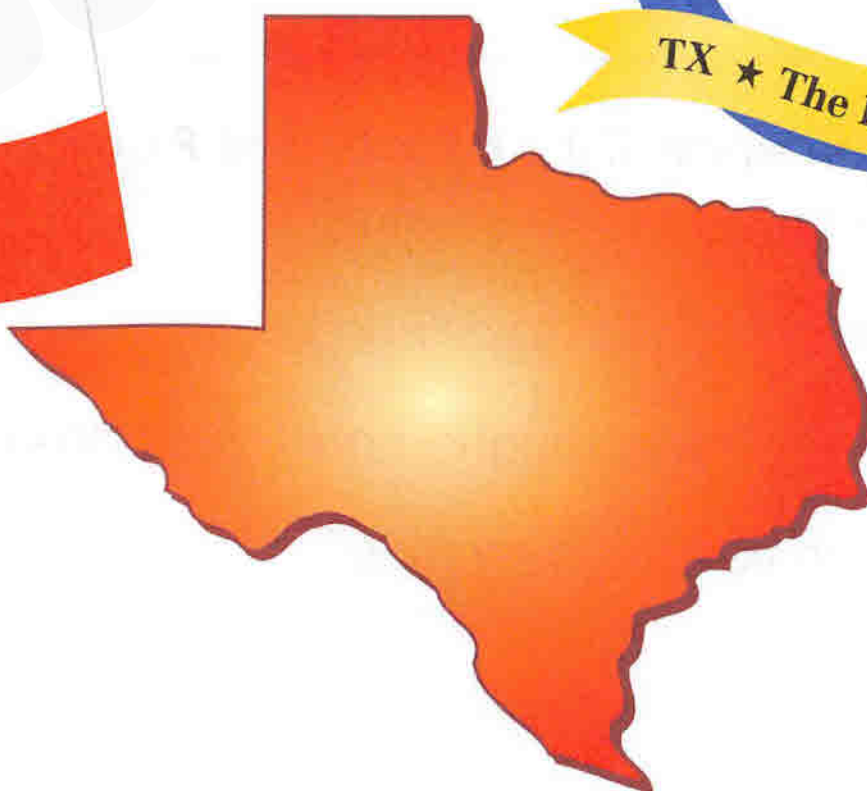
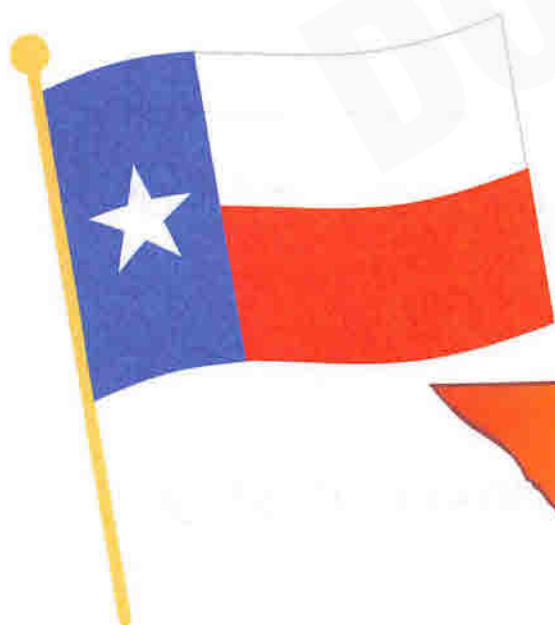
## How Old Is Texas?

<sup>2</sup> On December 29, 1845, Texas became a state. It was the twenty-eighth state. In 2015, Texas is turning 170 years old.

## What Comes From Texas?

<sup>3</sup> The huge state of Texas gives us many things to eat and use. Many farmers raise cattle for beef and milk. Other farmers grow grapefruit, which is Texas's state fruit.

<sup>4</sup> There is much oil in Texas. Once oil is drilled out of the ground, it is used to make many things, including gas for our cars and plastic.



**1.** What did you already know about Texas?

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**2.** List two new things you learned about Texas.

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**3.** What question would you like to ask about Texas?

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**4.** Why do you think the author wrote this article about Texas?

\_\_\_\_\_ to help the reader learn something

\_\_\_\_\_ to make the reader laugh

**5.** How do the boldface headings help organize the text?

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**6.** What are two things you learned from the illustrations that are not in the text?

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**7.** Complete the sentence: Texas is number two both in

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