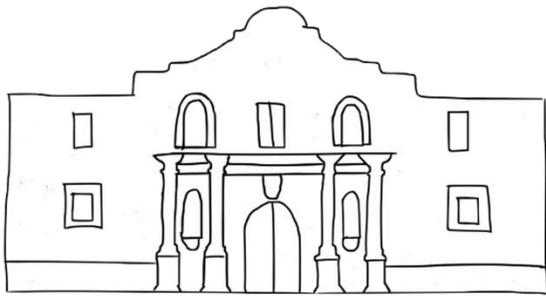
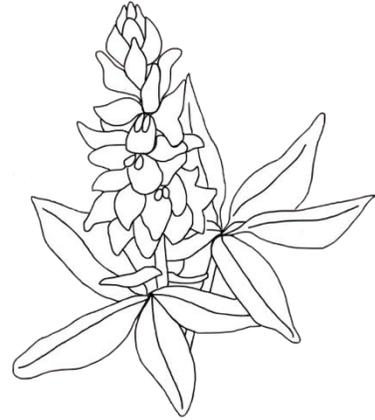


Texas Culture and Heritage



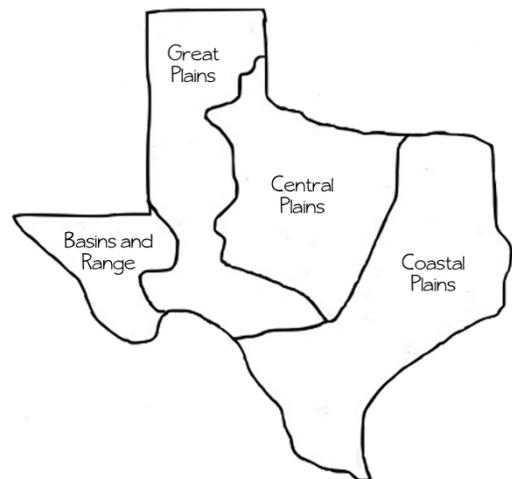
Natural Resources



Celebrations



Adaptations



The Culture of Texas

Culture is the ideas, customs, skills, arts, of a people or group. Culture includes language, art, clothing, celebrations, architecture, food, religion, music, and more. Your culture is part of your heritage or upbringing. Throughout its history Texas has grown with the influence of many different groups bringing their own heritage and culture with them. These include Native Americans, Spanish, French, and Mexicans. Each group has added to the culture of Texas.

Languages of Texas

English is the most spoken language in Texas and the language used for all official business. 29% of the people living in Texas speak Spanish. At one time German and French were widely spoken in Texas, but now Vietnamese and Chinese are the third and fourth most spoken languages.

Clothing of Texas

Of course, Texans love boots! Texas belt buckles and cowboy hats are also popular accessories.

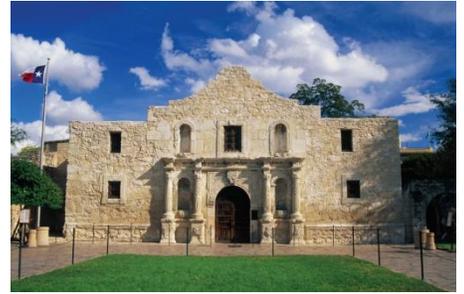
Texas Celebrations

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are held each spring in Houston. It has been a Texas tradition since 1937. The rodeo is one of the largest in the world. Another Texas celebration is Juneteenth. Juneteenth celebrates the day (June 19, 1865) the last slaves in the United States, those on Galveston Island, finally heard the news that they were free. This date has been growing in popularity and is now a recognized holiday in 42 states and in some other countries.

Texan Foods

Chicken-fried steak, barbeque, chili, brisket, pecan pie, and Dr. Pepper are all widely known foods that make people think of Texas. Dr. Pepper was invented in 1885 in Waco.

Texas Architecture



The Alamo was built in 1744 as a Spanish Mission. It is an important part of the history of Texas that can be visited in San Antonio.



The Astrodome, the world's first domed stadium, opened in April 1965. It was called the "Eighth Wonder of the World".



The Texas State Capitol is located in Austin. It was designed by Elijah E. Myers and completed in 1888. It is where the state legislature and the state governor work.

Music for Texas

State Song: *Texas, Our Texas*

Other well known songs:

Deep in the Heart of Texas

The Yellow Rose of Texas

Town of El Paso