



Newspaper Narratives

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Cotton Farming In Texas!



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Students will view online newspapers to learn about Cotton Farming in Texas! They will follow the permalinks embedded on each slide, as well as use the "Cotton Farming" worksheet among others.

Discover the numerous links embedded within this power point, you may select a few slides to use or have students view just the slide show

How to view the articles:

1. students use the slides_with_notes power point
2. from the slide, click on the picture or shapes [cotton bale]
3. then click on the zoom link, located on the right side of the page
4. locate and read the article (*download to read*)

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Artifacts

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Coiled marker

click on the picture



Lever scale



click on the picture



Balance weight

click on the picture

A few remnants of a single plant remain, and access to one database that contains some primary sources and online newspapers!

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Gossypium Hirsutum?

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As a researcher you are to find out what this plant is? Why is it important?

Follow the guidelines given in the "Cotton Farming" worksheet & the prompts on each slide.

Record your findings as you uncover information

You will present your findings as a report to explain to your classmates what this strange object is and it's significance!

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Cotton Farming In Texas!

Cotton farming was due to data discovered in the archives of early Missionaries in Mexico.

In Texas as early as 1840 it was known to exist in the region of **Sour Lake, Hardin County**, while more important discoveries began around 1865.

Vocabulary

- Ginning
- Cotton Bale
- Cotton Barge
- Crop Dusting
- Acreage
- Cultivation
- Cotton Mill
- Boll Weevil
- Cotton Boll

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Cotton Regions in Texas

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Use the "Texas Map" to color & label the regions where cotton is grown!

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Growing Conditions

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What climate does cotton grow best in?

Read about West Texas and cotton growing

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Cotton Farming

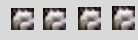
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One Cotton Bale weighs 480 pounds

Learn about the Cotton growing counties in Texas

Click on shapes to find out more!



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Cotton Picking

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click on the picture



click on the picture to view the postcard

How is cotton picked and prepared for market?



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click on the picture



Picking & weighing the cotton

Can a machine make a difference?
Read to find out how?



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Cotton Ginning

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click on the picture



Click on the picture

To read how Ginning was done click on the sign
then do the "Cotton Ginning" worksheet

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- Drilling for oil
- Two men drilling oil
- Oil Pump Jack
- oil drill bit

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Wagons of Cotton?

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click on the picture

Big business as the bales pile up!

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Cotton Production

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Year	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
Cotton (in bales)	1,200,000	2,800,000	5,200,000	8,800,000	12,500,000	15,800,000	18,200,000	21,500,000	24,800,000	28,200,000	31,500,000	35,800,000	39,200,000	42,500,000
Value (in millions of dollars)	1.2	2.8	5.2	8.8	12.5	15.8	18.2	21.5	24.8	28.2	31.5	35.8	39.2	42.5

How does cotton count do the "Cotton Count" math activity

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The Boll Weevil

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The ravaging pest of the Cotton Belt!



Find out more about it!

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Can the Boll Weevil Catcher do something?



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View the Videos

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Eli Whitney's cotton gin, 1793



Cotton bales

click on each picture to view the videos

View the videos, then revisit the pictures on cotton farming (slides # 8 to 12)

Use the "T-chart" to list the differences between cotton farming in the past vs. today!

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The Industry Today!

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Class discussion: what do you know about the Cotton Industry of today!

Present your report!

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