

Republic of Texas Presidential Debate Preview

Directions: Read the following quotes, and then answer the following questions.

- 1) Explain each quote in your own words.
- 2) How does each president feel about Texas's annexation to the United States?

Quote A:

My great desire is that our country Texas shall be annexed to the United States . . . It is policy to hold out the idea that we are very able to sustain ourselves against any power . . . , yet I am free to say to you that we cannot do it.

Sam Houston

Quote B:

I shall feel that the blood of our martyred heroes had been shed in vain.

Mirabeau Lamar