

# THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY

*Embark on a Voyage of Discovery*

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## 1. Read the passage below aloud.

While leading a charge on the Indians' breastworks, Houston was struck by a barbed arrow, which sank deep into his thigh. He tried to pull it out and failed. He then called upon his lieutenant to pull it out; but after two trials he, too, failed, so deeply was the arrow embedded in the flesh. "Try again," said Houston,

raising his sword, "and if you fail again I will smite you to the earth." This time the arrow came out, followed by a stream of blood, tearing the flesh and leaving an ugly wound, that never got entirely well.

Littlejohn, E. G.. Sam Houston ; David Crockett., Book, 1901;  
(<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph14382>)

## 2. Using a dictionary, define the word "smite."

What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. What did Sam Houston imply when he said this to his lieutenant?

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“IF YOU FAIL I WILL SMITE YOU TO THE EARTH”

**2. Describe the image. With whom do you identify in the drawing?**

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