

Battle of San Jacinto

Hot Topics

The instructor may ask the learners some of these questions to stimulate discussion and help students answer the questions on their worksheets.

- 1) Should Texans have been scared of Santa Anna? Why?
- 2) Suppose fear was the main motivation for the Runaway Scrape. What were the two main fears created by the Alamo/Goliad defeats and Houston's continued retreating? (Fear of death? Fear of not being able to defend oneself? Fear of a weak Texan army?)
- 3) What would have happened if Vince's Bridge had not been destroyed? What would have happened if there were no rivers or marshes on the land where the battle was fought?
- 4) Would Santa Anna have given Sam Houston the same courtesy and spared his life if the Mexicans had won at San Jacinto? Why or why not?
- 5) How did the outcome of the Battle of San Jacinto lead to the current boundaries of the U.S.?
- 6) What are the similarities between the Texas immigrants in the 1800's and immigrants of today? What are the differences?
- 7) What role do leaders play during conflict? How does one become a leader?
- 8) Since many men had to choose between fighting in the Revolution, staying with their families, or working the crop fields out west, how did the Revolution affect the agricultural economy of Texas