

## **Questions on Hot Topics to stimulate thinking!**

### **LONE STARS AND GUN SMOKE**

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

1. Today's Rangers are different than their predecessors. How are the Rangers of today different than the Rangers of yesterday? Are there any similarities?
2. Many an outlaw has gone to Texas to ply his or her trade. Why has Texas traditionally been a haven for outlaws?
3. What are some of the characteristics or traits needed to be a good Texas Ranger?
4. Discuss how the history of the state of Texas and the history of the Texas Rangers are intertwined.
5. What are the origins of the word Texas?
6. The city of Austin, Texas is named after Stephen Austin. Why did this man come to Texas? What was his role in Texan history?
7. Discuss the role of the Texas Rangers at the infamous Battle of the Alamo.
8. How did the Texas Rangers participate in the Mexican War? What was their impact in that confrontation?
9. Discuss the role of the Texas Rangers during the Civil War and Reconstruction.
10. What were the El Paso Salt Wars?