

Sam Houston and the Texas Revolution

Objectives:

4th Grade: The student will understand the importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States. The student is expected to:

-Identify leaders important to the founding of Texas as a republic and state, including José Antonio Navarro, **Sam Houston**, Mirabeau Lamar, and Anson Jones.

Online Resources:

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fho73>

Introduction:

Sam Houston was named Major General of the Texas Army on November 12, 1835. After the battle of the Alamo, it was Houston that moved the remaining rebel Army eastward which set off the Runaway Scrape. It was also Houston who met General Santa Anna and the Mexican Army on the banks of the San Jacinto River, near the present-day city of Houston, Texas.

Time and time again, throughout the Texas Revolution, Sam Houston's name pops up. This is not by coincidence. He is a key player in the Independence of Texas. He may have only fought in one battle, but his influence is seen throughout the six month revolution and in the nearly 10 years of independence that followed.

Activities:

1. Read the short article on Sam Houston in The Handbook of Texas History at:

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fho73>

2. Complete the worksheet

Can You Answer 15 Questions About Sam Houston?

Using the information provided above and the online articles answer the following questions about Sam Houston.

1. What year was Sam Houston born? _____
2. What state was Sam Houston born in? _____
3. In what year did Sam Houston move to Tennessee? _____
4. What Indian tribe did Sam Houston Runaway to live with in 1809? _____
5. Who was the chief who adopted Sam? _____
6. What Indian name was given to Sam? _____
7. How old was Sam when he started his own school? _____
8. How old was Sam when he joined the US Army? _____
9. What battle did Sam fight in with Andrew Jackson against a band of Creek Indians?

10. How many times was Sam wounded in the battle against the “Red Sticks”? _____
11. How many terms as the Governor of Tennessee did Sam serve? _____
12. What rank did Sam hold in the Texas Army? _____
13. What famous document was adopted on Sam’s birthday in 1836: _____
14. At what battle did Sam Houston defeat the Mexican Army under Santa Anna?

15. What office in the Republic of Texas government was Sam elected to in 1836?

3. Group Discussion

Instructions: Break up into small groups to discuss these questions:

How big of a role did Sam Houston play in the Texas Revolution and the Republic of Texas?

How would Texas be different today without Sam Houston's influence?

How is Sam Houston remembered today?

Evaluation

Small groups present their findings to the class concerning Sam Houston's influence on Texas history.

******Answer Key******

Can You Answer 15 Questions About Sam Houston?

Using the information provided above and the online articles answer the following questions about Sam Houston.

1. What year was Sam Houston born? 1793
2. What state was Sam Houston born in? Virginia
3. In what year did Sam Houston move to Tennessee? 1807
4. What Indian tribe did Sam Houston Runaway to live with in 1809? Cherokee
5. Who was the chief who adopted Sam? Chief Oolooteka
6. What Indian name was given to Sam? Colonneh (the Raven)
7. How old was Sam when he started his own school? 18
8. How old was Sam when he joined the US Army? 21
9. What battle did Sam fight in with Andrew Jackson against a band of Creek Indians?
Battle of Horseshoe Bend
10. How many times was Sam wounded in the battle against the Creek Indians? 3
11. In what state did Sam serve as governor before moving to Texas? Tennessee
12. What rank did Sam hold in the Texas Army? Major General
13. What famous document was adopted on Sam's birthday in 1836: Texas Declaration of Independence
14. At what battle did Sam Houston defeat the Mexican Army under Santa Anna?
Battle of San Jacinto
15. What office in the Republic of Texas government was Sam elected to in 1836?
President of the Republic of Texas