

# Texas Empresarios – Austin or De León

## Compare and Contrast Worksheet

**Introduction:** Between 1824 and 1832, the Mexican government granted Texas colonization contracts to almost two dozen men. While all of these men made their mark on Texas history, two of them stand out. These men and their colonies would have a significant impact upon Texas. One, a native Mexican and the other a former American, rose to almost legendary status because of their role in the colonization of Texas. While they had some things in common, they were also quite different. This exercise will focus on the similarities and differences of Stephen F. Austin and Martin De León.

**Standard:** 113.15(b) (2) (E) identify the accomplishments and explain the economic motivations and impact of significant empresarios, including Stephen F. Austin and Martín de León, on the settlement of Texas.

**Instructions:** Use the following links to learn more about Stephen F. Austin and Martin De León.

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fde08>

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fau14>

Fill in the blank with the name of the empresario which correctly completes each statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was born in Tamaulipas, Mexico.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was allowed to bring 300 families to Texas in 1824.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ served as a commissioner to the United States during the Texas Revolution.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ married and had 10 children.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ died of cholera in 1833, leaving behind an estate of a half million dollars.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ died of pneumonia in 1836 with over 100,000 acres of land in Texas.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ established a colony between the Brazos and Colorado Rivers.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ established a colony on the lower Guadalupe and Lavaca rivers.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ established the town of Victoria named after the first president of Mexico.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ brought colonists from the United States to settle in Texas.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ established a colony that eventually grew to be home to 2,000 families.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ established a colony for 41 Mexican families from Tamaulipas in 1825.

On the back of this page, write a few sentences on the differences and similarities between these two men.