

Calallen ISD 2025-2026

Syllabus - Template

Campus: Calallen Middle School

Course and/or Grade Level: Texas History 7th Grade

Course Description: This course is a survey of the political and social history of Texas including its geography and economic growth from prehistoric times to the present. The role and significance of French, Spanish, and Mexican cultures are studied.

Semester 1: August 13 – December 19, 2025

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
● Thinking like a Historian: • differentiate between, locate, and use valid primary and secondary sources to acquire information about Texas • analyze information by applying absolute and relative chronology through sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause-and-effect, finding the main idea, summarizing, predicting and conclusions ● Early Texas and Its People: • locate and compare the Mountains and Basins, Great Plains, North Central Plains, and Coastal Plains regions • compare the cultures of American Indians in Texas prior to European colonization such as Gulf, Plains, Puebloan, and Southeastern. ● Age of Contact: • identify important individuals, events, and issues related to European exploration of Texas, the search for gold, and the conflicting territorial claims between France and Spain • Spanish Colonial- identify important individuals, events, and issues related to European colonization of Texas, including the establishment of Catholic missions, towns, and ranches,	● Mexican National: • identify the individuals, issues, and events related to Mexico becoming an independent nation and its impact on Texas, the Mexican Federal Constitution of 1824, the merger of Texas and Coahuila as a state, the State Colonization Law of 1825, and slavery in Texas ● Texas Revolution: • explain the issues surrounding significant events of the Texas Revolution, including major battles • The Constitutional Convention of 1836 ● Republic of Texas: • identify individuals, events, and issues during the years of the Republic of Texas • explore the Córdova Rebellion, the Council House Fight, the Santa Fe Expedition, slavery, and the roles of racial and ethnic groups;

Semester 2: January 5 – May 29, 2026

3 rd Quarter Topics	4 th Quarter Topics
● Early Statehood: • identify individuals, events, and issues during early Texas statehood, including the U.S.- Mexican War, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, slavery, and the Compromise of 1850 ● Civil War & Reconstruction: • identify significant events concerning Texas and the Civil War such as the Battle of Galveston, the Battle of Sabine Pass, and the Battle of Palmito Ranch ● Cotton, Cattle, Railroads & Westward Expansion: • identify significant individuals, events, and issues, including the factors leading to the expansion of the Texas frontier, the effects of westward expansion on American Indians, the buffalo soldiers, and Quanah Parker • identify significant individuals, events, and issues, including the development of the cattle industry from its Spanish beginnings and the cowboy way of life • identify significant individuals, events, and issues, including the effects of the growth of railroads and explain the political, economic, and social impact of the agricultural industry and the development of West Texas resulting from the close of the frontier.	● Age of Oil: • define and trace the impact of "boom-and-bust" cycles of leading Texas industries throughout the 20th and early 21st centuries such as farming, oil and gas production ● WWI, WWII, & the Great Depression: • analyze the political, economic, and social impact of World War I, the Great Depression, & World War II • identify significant issues in the latter half of the 20th and early 21st centuries such as political and economic controversies, immigration, and migration on the history of Texas. ● Civil Rights: • describe and compare the civil rights and equal rights movements of various groups in Texas in the 20th century and identify key leaders in these movements ● Contemporary Texas: • analyze the effects of various scientific discoveries and technological innovations on the development of Texas such as advancements in the agricultural, energy, medical, computer, and aerospace industries;

**Minor adjustment to the schedule may be made based on campus schedules and student needs.*