

7th Grade Texas History Honors Summer Assignment

In this assignment, you will explore the history of Texas by identifying historical markers near you. Historical markers help tell the stories of important people, places, and events from Texas history and connect us to the communities around us. As you complete this project, you will practice researching, analyzing information, and thinking like a historian. Most importantly, you will discover that history is not just something found in textbooks—it is all around us and still shapes Texas today.



Assignment:

1. Identify three Texas historical markers near you or anywhere in Texas if you are traveling this summer. You can use the link to help find historical markers.
<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/texas-historic-sites-atlas>
2. Take a picture of yourself with each historical marker. Insert each picture into a Google document with the location of the marker and the date the picture was taken. The picture and caption should not be larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the page. Print the three documents.
3. Under the picture on each document, write a summary of the information on the marker in blue or black ink. Do not type and print. Describe in your own words why we should remember these particular people, buildings, places, or events.
4. Please bring your completed assignment and your thoughts to the first day of class in the fall. Participate in a class discussion around how buildings and places can be “containers of memory” and why people, places and events are commemorated.