

CFISD 7th Grade Texas History HORIZONS Scope and Sequence (2026–2027)

Course Description

Texas history emphasizes the multi-cultural perspective of the state’s history, including contributions by Native Americans, Europeans, Anglos, and other non-English speaking cultures. Students will study the history of Texas by exploring historical eras including cultures of Native Americans living in Texas prior to European exploration; European colonization and the era of mission-building; Anglo colonization; the Texas Revolution; the Republic; and statehood. After studying the Civil War period and Reconstruction, students focus on 20th-century Texas. Students also study the structure and functions of municipal, county, and state governments; explain the influence of the U.S. Constitution on the Texas Constitution; and examine the rights and responsibilities of Texas citizens.

In accordance with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), Celebrate Freedom Week will be incorporated during the week of September 17.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Reference: [TEA Social Studies Middle School Standards \(ch113b.pdf\)](#)

First Semester (80 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 8, 2026 (40 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment	3	Aug. 14, 2026
Natural Texas and Its People	12	Sept. 1, 2026
Natural Texas and Its People Culminating Activity	1	Sept. 2, 2026
Government	17	Sept. 28, 2026
Government Culminating Activity	2	Sept. 30, 2026
Age of Contact	6	Oct. 8, 2026

2nd Grading Period – Ends Dec. 18, 2026 (39 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Spanish Colonial Era	7	Oct. 27, 2026
Spanish Colonial Era Culminating Activity	2	Oct. 29, 2026
Mexican National Era	4	Nov. 5, 2026
Mexican National Era Culminating Activity	1	Nov. 6, 2026
The Texas Revolution	23	Dec. 16, 2026
The Texas Revolution Culminating Activity	2	Dec. 18, 2026

Second Semester (93 Days)

3rd Grading Period – Ends March 11, 2027 (46 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment	1	Jan. 5, 2027
Republic of Texas	15	Jan. 27, 2027
Republic of Texas Culminating Activity	1	Jan. 28, 2027
Early Statehood	12	Feb. 16, 2027
Early Statehood Culminating Activity	1	Feb. 17, 2027
Texas in the Civil War	12	March 5, 2027
Texas in the Civil War Culminating Activity	2	March 9, 2027
Texas during Reconstruction	2	March 11, 2027

4th Grading Period – Ends May 27, 2027 (47 Days)

Unit	Days End Date	
Texas during Reconstruction	3	March 24, 2027
Cotton, Cattle, Railroads	11	April 9, 2027
Cotton, Cattle and Railroads Culminating Activity	2	April 13, 2027
Age of Oil	10	April 28, 2027
Age of Oil Culminating Activity	1	April 29, 2027
Texas in World War I, the Depression, and World War II	4	May 5, 2027
Texas in WWI, Great Depression and WWII Culminating Activity	1	May 6, 2027
Civil Rights	4	May 12, 2027
Civil Rights Culminating Activity	1	May 13, 2027
Contemporary Texas	10	May 27, 2027

Instructional Materials

Texas History, McGraw-Hill Education, 2016.

Notes

The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.