Texas History 2026-27
7th Instructional Plan

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WHAT IS Honors?

The purpose of honors courses is to bridge the gap between regular and Advanced Placement (AP) or Pre-AP classes. They serve as an important part of a tiered academic pathway by offering more rigorous instruction and deeper learning than standard courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This year we will develop students' critical thinking skills by studying the history of Texas and its people. Students will examine the full scope of Texas history, including:

- Natural Texas and its People
- Age of Contact
- Spanish Colonial
- Mexican National
- Revolution and Republic
- Early Statehood
- Texas in the Civil War and Reconstruction
- Cotton, Cattle, and Railroads
- The Age of Oil
- Texas in the Great Depression and World War II
- Civil Rights and Conservatism
- Contemporary Texas

The focus in each era is on key individuals, events, issues and their impacts. This course will serve as an important foundation for other history courses, and will focus on skills including vocabulary knowledge, evaluating cause and effect, utilizing critical thinking, and primary document analysis.

COURSE ACTIVITIES (What we will be doing)

Below you will find descriptions of the most common activities that students will participate in during the course of each semester.

Throughout the year, students will:

- Study relevant vocabulary, key figures in Texas History, and significant events that have shaped our state
- Read, evaluate, and compare and contrast primary and secondary sources
- Create timelines, models, posters, brochures, and slides demonstrating their understanding of topics in Texas History

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GRADES - Click here for → YWLA Grading Policy

Major (Test, Projects, Writing)	60%
Minor (Notes, Daily Work)	40%

Classroom Resources (examples below)

- Exploros
- Google Classroom
- Texas State Historical Association
- Texas History for Teachers
- Teacher and District created materials

Interactive Student Notebooks (ISN):

Students will keep an Interactive Student Notebook in Texas History throughout the school year. Notes and many assignments will be completed in this notebook. Students will use this notebook each class day and notebooks will be kept in the classroom until the end of the school year. If notebooks are lost, they will need to be replaced, along with all notes and assignments for that semester. See the ISN handout for more information.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are excited to work together to make this a successful year of learning!