

Grade 7 – Texas History Backward Design Document

Units	Overarching Understandings	Overarching Questions	Unit Understandings	Unit Questions	Concepts	Performance Assessments
Unit 01: Thinking Like a Historian	<p>Historical inquiry is a continuous process of analyzing multiple sources and reconciling multiple points of view in order to construct a tentative interpretation of the past.</p> <p>Historians use interpretations of the past to determine change and continuity of political, economic, and social patterns as well as to infer cause-effect relationships.</p> <p>Historians, geographers, and social scientists conduct research by creating compelling questions; evaluating sources; gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing information; and communicating conclusions supported by evidence.</p>	<p>What methods are used to craft a narrative of the past?</p> <p>What is the task of the historian?</p> <p>How do historians, geographers, and social scientists conduct credible research?</p>	Historians conduct research by creating compelling questions; evaluating sources; gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing information; and communicating conclusions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do historians conduct credible research? What is characteristic of a good compelling question? What type of information does an historian gather when sourcing a document? Why is it important for an historian to consider the historical context of when a document was produced? How does comparing sources facilitate an historian's evaluation of sources? What factors influence the point of view of an author of a document/source? 	<p>Social Studies Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Questions Acquire information through research and analysis 	<p>Not available for public view; available for district use.</p> <p>(7.20A,B,C,D,E,F; 7.22A,B,C) ELPS 5B, 5F</p>
Unit 02: Natural Texas and Its People – 1200s-1800	<p>The world is characterized by a variety of regions, places, and cultures.</p> <p>Humans have a complex relationship with the environment.</p>	<p>What makes a region, place, or culture unique?</p> <p>What is characteristic of the interactions between humans and the environment?</p>	<p>The geography of Texas is characterized by a variety of physical landscapes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What geographic regions is Texas divided into? What is characteristic of the physical geography of the regions of Texas? Where are most cities in Texas located? Where are most rivers in Texas located? What physical geographic features help to define the borders of Texas? 	<p>Spatial Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region/Borders Landforms 	<p>Not available for public view; available for district use.</p> <p>(7.8A,B; 7.20B; 7.21A) ELPS 5B, 5E</p>
			<p>Several American Indian groups inhabited all the regions of Texas and adapted to the physical geography of those regions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What American Indian groups were the first to inhabit Texas? How did the physical geography of Texas impact the lifestyle of American Indian groups in Texas? 	<p>Spatial Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human-Environment Interaction <p>Cultural Patterns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Customs/Traditions 	<p>Not available for public view; available for district use.</p> <p>(7.1A; 7.8A; 7.9A; 7.20B; 7.21A) ELPS 5B, 5E</p>