

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR EIGHTH-GRADE U.S. HISTORY TEACHERS**

This guide highlights instructional resources in U.S. history available on the Humanities Texas website. These resources include episodes of our *Texas Originals* radio program, primary sources featured in our Digital Repository, lectures from our teacher professional development institutes, resources drawn from our *President’s* Vision poster series, and articles from our monthly e-newsletter. This collection is organized according to historical periodization and themes outlined in the eighth-grade U.S. history TEKS.

**American Colonization**

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Juliana Barr, “[Native Americans in Texas](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/barr-native-americans-texas-2013)”

Juliana Barr, “[The Spanish Colonial Period](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/barr-spanish-colonial-period-2010)”

Alan Taylor, [“Colonial Transformations”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/taylor-colonial-transformations-2016)

*Texas* *Originals* Episodes:

[Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/alvar-nunez-cabeza-de-vaca)

Early explorer, first historian of Texas

[Damián Massanet](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/damian-massanet)

Founder of first Spanish mission in East Texas

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

[King, “Chon-Mon-I-Case. An Otta Half Chief, ca. 1836](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/king-chon-mon-i-case-otto-half-chief-ca-1836)

[Wood, Parson Weem’s Fable, 1939](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/wood-parson-weems-fable-1939)

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Article:

Article on [From Colonists to Revolutionaries](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/colonists-revolutionaries)

Excerpts from teacher institute lectures by faculty addressing British, French, and Spanish exploration and colonization, colonial transformations, as well as the economic, political, and social characteristics of the American colonies.

**American Revolution; the Constitution and the Bill of Rights**

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Charles Flanagan, [“The U.S. Constitution”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/flanagan-us-constitution-2010)

Joseph Kobylka, [“The Adoption of the U.S. Constitution”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/kobylka-adoption-us-constitution-2011)

James Kirby Martin, [“The Seven Years’ War”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/martin-seven-years-war-2013)

Thomas L. Pangle, [“Debating the Constitution”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/pangle-debating-constitution-2013)

Jack N. Rakove, [“The Bill of Rights”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/rakove-bill-rights-2012)

Jack N. Rakove, [“How Americans Invented Their Constitution”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/rakove-how-americans-invented-their-constitution-2012)

Jack N. Rakove, [“James Madison and the Constitution”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/rakove-james-madison-and-constitution-2013)

Gretchen Ritter, “[Women’s Citizenship and Political Activism, from the Bill of Rights to the Equal Rights Amendment](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/ritter-womens-citizenship-and-political-activism-bill-rights-equal-0)”

Gordon S. Wood, [“The Articles of Confederation and the Constitution”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/gordon-s-wood-articles-confederation-and-constitution)

Gordon S. Wood, [“The Making of the U.S. Constitution”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/wood-making-us-constitution-2012)

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

[Act to Provide a Naval Armament, 1764](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/act-provide-naval-armament-1794)

[Appropriations Bill, 1791](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/appropriations-bill-1791)

[Senate Revisions to House-Passed Amendments to the Constitution](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/senate-revisions-house-passed-amendments-constitution-1789), [September 9, 1789](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/senate-revisions-house-passed-amendments-constitution-1789)

[Judiciary Act of 1789](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/judiciary-act-1789)

*A President’s Vision:*

[George Washington;](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/education/presidents-vision/george-washington) George Washington [(interactive poster)](http://humtex.edu.glogster.com/george-washington)

[Thomas Jefferson;](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/education/presidents-vision/thomas-jefferson) Thomas Jefferson [(interactive poster)](http://humtex.edu.glogster.com/thomas-jefferson)

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Article:

Article on [From Colonists to Revolutionaries](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/colonists-revolutionaries)

Excerpts from teacher institute lectures by faculty addressing American colonization, religious and cultural developments, economic policy, causes of the revolution, turning points of the revolution, and representative government and political institutions.

**Slave Culture**

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Daina Ramey Berry, [“The Life and Achievements of Frederick Douglass,”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/berry-life-and-achievements-frederick-douglass-2012)

Daina Ramey Berry, [“Slavery”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/berry-slavery-2013)

Albert S. Broussard, [“Slavery”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/broussard-slavery-2013)

Randolph B. Campbell, [“Slavery in Texas”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/campbell-slavery-texas-2013)

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

Wilson Chinn, [“a Branded Slave from Louisiana”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/wilson-chinn-branded-slave-louisiana)

Frederick Douglas, [“Expression of Gratitude for Freedom”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/ritter-womens-citizenship-and-political-activism-bill-rights-equal-0)

Excerpt of a [Senate Bill Proposing an end to the slave, January 13, 1807.](http://humanitiestexas.org/sites/default/files/TJEndSlaveTrade.pdf)

[Runaway Slave Reward Poster, 1852](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/runaway-slave-reward-poster-1852)

*A President’s Vision*:

[Abraham Lincoln;](http://humanitiestexas.org/education/presidents-vision/abraham-lincoln) Abraham Lincoln [(interactive poster)](http://humtex.edu.glogster.com/abraham-lincoln)

**Westward Expansion**

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Thomas Britten, [“Native Americans and Western Expansion”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/britten-native-americans-and-western-expansion-2012)

Charles Flanagan, [“The War of 1812”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/flanagan-war-1812-2013)

Daniel Walker Howe, [“The Mexican War”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/howe-mexican-war-2013)

Raúl Ramos, [“The Mexican War”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/ramos-mexican-war-2013)

Raúl A. Ramos, [“Texas Revolution”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/ramos-texas-revolution-2013)

Andrew J. Torget, [“Republic of Texas”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/torget-republic-texas-2013)

Erika M. Bsumek, [“Populism, the Railroads, & the West”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/bsumek-populism-railroads-west-2012)

Daniel Walker Howe, [“Rival Visions of America”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/howe-rival-visions-americas-future-economic-development-1820s-and-beyond)

*Texas Originals* Episodes:

[Moses Austin](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/moses-austin)

Early settler of Spanish Texas

[Stephen F. Austin](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/stephen-f-austin)

Founder of Anglo-American Texas

[Plácido Benavides](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/placido-benavides)

Settled Victoria and contributed to Texas Revolution

[Gail Borden Jr.](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list)

Inventor, publisher, surveyor, and founder of the Borden Company

[Chief Bowl](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/chief-bowl)

Principal Chief of the Cherokees in Texas

[Jane McManus Storm Cazneau](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/jane-mcmanus-storm-cazneau)

Journalist, Author, Promoter, Unofficial Diplomat

[Martín De León](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/martin-de-leon)

Mexican empresario, founded a colony

[Lorenzo de Zavala](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/lorenzo-de-zavala)

First vice president of the Republic of Texas

[Susanna Dickinson](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/susanna-dickinson)

Survivor of the Alamo

[Angelina Eberly](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/angelina-eberly)

Innkeeper and Archive War cannoneer

[James Walker Fannin](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/james-walker-fannin)

Texas revolutionary

[Mary Austin Holley](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/mary-austin-holley)

Author and teacher

[Sam Houston](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/sam-houston)

President of the Republic of Texas

[Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/mirabeau-buonaparte-lamar)

President of the Republic of Texas

[José Antonio Navarro](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/jose-antonio-navarro)

Mexican participant in the Texas Revolution

[Juan Seguín](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/juan-seguin)

Political and military figure of the Texas Revolution and Republic of Texas

[William Barret Travis](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/william-barret-travis)

Texas commander at the battle of the Alamo

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

[Jefferson, Confidential Message to Congress Concerning Western Exploration and Relations with Native Americans, 1803](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/jefferson-confidential-message-congress-concerning-western-exploration)

[Jefferson, Message to Congress Communicating the Discoveries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1806](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/jefferson-message-congress-communicating-discoveries-lewis-and-clark)

[King, Chon-Mon-I-Case. An Otto Half Chief, ca. 1836](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/king-chon-mon-i-case-otto-half-chief-ca-1836)

[Lewis, View of the Great Treaty Held at Prairie du Chien, September 1825](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/lewis-view-great-treaty-held-prairie-du-chien-september-1825)

[List of Supplies and Indian Presents for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1803](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/list-supplies-and-indian-presents-lewis-and-clark-expedition-1803)

[Map of the United States, 1848](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/map-united-states-1848)

[Russell, Lewis and Clark on the Lower Columbia, 1905](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/russell-lewis-and-clark-lower-columbia-1905)

*A President’s Vision:*

[Thomas Jefferson;](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/education/presidents-vision/thomas-jefferson) Thomas Jefferson [(interactive poster)](http://humtex.edu.glogster.com/thomas-jefferson)

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Article:

Article on [Before and After the Civil War](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/before-and-after-civil-war)

Excerpts from Teacher Institute lecture by Daniel Walker Howe, “The Controversial Transformation of America, and the Consequent Transformation of Americans, in the 1850s”

Article on [A Witness to Westward Expansion](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/witness-westward-expansion)

Excerpts from the Report of Lieutenant Neil M. Howison on Oregon, 1846, with a link to the complete text.

**Civil War and Reconstruction**

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Michael Les Benedict, [“Reconstruction”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/benedict-reconstruction-2013)

Michael Les Benedict, [“Violence during Reconstruction”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/benedict-violence-during-reconstruction-2013)

Daina Ramey Berry, [“Slavery”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/berry-slavery-2013)

Albert S. Broussard, [“Slavery”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/broussard-slavery-2013)

Randolph B. Campbell, [“Slavery in Texas”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/campbell-slavery-texas-2013)

Daniel Feller, [“Secession”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/feller-secession-2013)

George Forgie, [“The Civil War”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/forgie-civil-war-2008)

George Forgie, [“Secession”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/forgie-secession-2013)

Jennifer L. Weber, [“The Civil War”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/weber-civil-war-2013)

Jennifer L. Weber, [“Turning Points of the Civil War”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/weber-turning-points-civil-war-2013)

Gordon S. Wood, [“The Revolutionary Origins of the Civil War”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/wood-revolutionary-origins-civil-war-2013)

Evan B. Carton, [“Teaching the Poetry of the Civil War”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/carton-teaching-poetry-civil-war-2013)

Randall Fuller, [“How the Civil War Transformed American Literature”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/fuller-how-civil-war-transformed-american-literature-2012)

Coleman Hutchison, [“Teaching the Twentieth-Century Literature of the Civil War”](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/hutchison-teaching-twentieth-century-literature-civil-war-2012)

Heather Richardson, [“Indians in American History: The Civil War to the Progressive Era”](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/richardson-indians-american-history-civil-war-progressive-era-2013)

*Texas Originals* Episodes:

[Amelia E. Barr](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/amelia-e-barr)

Writer

[Sarah Horton Cockrell](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/sarah-horton-cockrell)

Businesswoman and entrepreneur of Dallas

[Frederick Law Olmsted](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/programs/tx-originals/list/frederick-law-olmsted)

Landscape architect and writer of travel books

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository

[African American Soldiers of Company E, 4th U.S. Colored Infantry, Washington, D.C., ca. 1863](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/african-american-soldiers-company-e-4th-us-colored-infantry-washington)

Thulstrup, [Battle of Gettysburg [1863]](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/thulstrup-battle-gettysburg-1863)

[Bombardment of Fort Sumter, Charleston Harbor: 12th & 13th of April, 1861](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/bombardment-fort-sumter-charleston-harbor-12th-13th-april-1861)

Chapman, [The Fifty-ninth Virginia Infantry–Wise’s Brigade, ca. 1867](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/chapman-fifty-ninth-virginia-infantry-wise%E2%80%99s-brigade-ca-1867)  [Chief Justice Roger B. Taney](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/chief-justice-roger-b-taney)

[Clement Laird Vallandigham, ca. 1855–1865](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/clement-laird-vallandigham-ca-1855%E2%80%931865)

[Grand Banner of the Radical Democracy, for 1864](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/grand-banner-radical-democracy-1864)

[Inauguration of President Lincoln, 1861](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/inauguration-president-lincoln-1861)

Abraham Lincoln, [Excerpt from Second Annual Message to Congress](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/lincoln-excerpt-second-annual-message-congress-1862)

Abraham Lincoln, [Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/lincoln-emancipation-proclamation-january-1-1863)

Abraham Lincoln, [Gettysburg Address, 1863](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/lincoln-gettysburg-address-1863)

Abraham Lincoln, [Nomination of Ulysses S. Grant, 1864](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/lincoln-nomination-ulysses-s-grant-1864)

[Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Cold Harbor, Virginia](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/lt-gen-ulysses-s-grant-cold-harbor-virginia)

[President Lincoln on Battle-field of Antietam, 1862](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/president-lincoln-battle-field-antietam-1862)

[Runaway Slave Reward Poster, 1852](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/runaway-slave-reward-poster-1852)

[Telegram Announcing Withdrawal from Fort Sumter, April 18, 1861](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/telegram-announcing-withdrawal-fort-sumter-april-18-1861)

[The Assassination of President Lincoln at Ford’s Theatre, Washington, D.C., April 14th, 1865](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/assassination-president-lincoln-fords-theatre-washington-dc-april-14th)

[Turzak, A Prayer for Unity, 1933](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/turzak-prayer-unity-1933)

[Turzak, Aspirations, 1933](http://humanitiestexas.org/archives/digital-repository/turzak-aspirations-1933)

*A President’s Vision*:

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Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

Article on [Before and After the Civil War](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/before-and-after-civil-war)

Excerpts from teacher institute lecture by Richard White, “The Nation in 1865”

Article on [America in the 1860s](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/america-1860s)

Excerpts from teacher institute lectures by faculty addressing the causes, events, and legacy of the Civil War; Abraham Lincoln’s administration; suffragists and abolitionists; women in the South; the Transcontinental Railroad; Andrew Johnson’s administration; Reconstruction; art in the Civil War era; and American writing on the Civil War.

Article on [Pivotal U.S. Elections: Then and Now](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/pivotal-us-elections-inaugural-forum)

Public lectures by scholars on different aspects of the election of 1860 and its contemporary significance

Article on [Scholars Share Insights on War and Photography](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/scholars-share-insights-war-and-photography)

Excerpts from presentations given by faculty at teacher workshop on “American Wars” in conjunction with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on [War/Photography: Images of Armed Conflict and Its Aftermath](http://www.mfah.org/exhibitions/past/warphotography-photographs-armed-conflict-and-its-/)

Article on [The Revolutionary Origins of the Civil War](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/gordon-s-wood-revolutionary-origins-civil-war)

Excerpts from teacher institute lecture given by Gordon S. Wood

Article on the [Firsthand Account of Private Prescott Tracy, Civil War POW](http://www.humanitiestexas.org/news/articles/firsthand-account-private-prescott-tracy-civil-war-pow)