



ONLINE RESOURCES FOR TEXAS HISTORY TEACHERS

Humanities Texas educational programs provide a range of resources that support instruction in Texas history. The following guide highlights digital resources from our educational programs available on the Humanities Texas website, including 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 [Texas history TEKS](#).

NATURAL TEXAS AND ITS PEOPLE; AGE OF CONTACT; SPANISH COLONIAL PERIOD

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Juliana Barr, [“Native Americans in Texas”](#)

Juliana Barr, [“The Spanish Colonial Period”](#)

Thomas Britten, [“Native Americans and Western Expansion”](#)

Jesús F. de la Teja, [“The Pueblo Revolt”](#)

Jesús F. de la Teja, [“The Spanish Colonial Period”](#)

Texas Originals:

[Moses Austin](#), Early settler of Spanish Texas

[Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca](#), Early explorer, first historian of Texas

[Damián Massanet](#), Founder of first Spanish mission in East Texas

[Rosa María Hinojosa de Ballí](#), The first “cattle queen” of Texas

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

[From Colonists to Revolutionaries](#)

Excerpt from teacher institute lecture by Alex Hidalgo, “Spanish Exploration.”

[From Colonists to Revolutionaries](#)

Excerpt from teacher institute lecture by Light T. Cummins, “Spanish Colonization in North America.”

MEXICAN NATIONAL PERIOD; REVOLUTION AND REPUBLIC; EARLY STATEHOOD

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Daina Ramey Berry, [“Slavery”](#)

Albert S. Broussard, [“Slavery”](#)

Randolph B. Campbell, [“Slavery in Texas”](#)

Daniel Walker Howe, [“The Mexican War”](#)

Raúl A. Ramos, [“The Mexican War”](#)

Raúl A. Ramos, [“Texas Revolution”](#)

Andrew J. Torget, [“Republic of Texas”](#)

Texas Originals:

[Stephen F. Austin](#), Empresario, referred to as the “Father of Texas”

[Plácido Benavides](#), Settled Victoria and contributed to Texas Revolution

[Gail Borden Jr.](#), Inventor, publisher, surveyor

[Chief Bowl](#), Principal Chief of the Cherokees in Texas

[Jane McManus Storm Cazneau](#), Journalist, author, promoter of Manifest Destiny

[Martín De León](#) , Mexican empresario
[Lorenzo de Zavala](#), First vice president of the Republic of Texas
[Susanna Dickinson](#), Survivor of the Alamo
[James Walker Fannin](#), Texas revolutionary
[Mary Austin Holley](#), Author and teacher
[Sam Houston](#), President of the Republic of Texas
[Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar](#), President of the Republic of Texas
[Mary Ann Adams Maverick](#), Writer and Texas pioneer
[José Antonio Navarro](#), Tejano leader and participant in the Texas Revolution
[Juan Seguín](#), Political and military figure of the Texas Revolution and Republic of Texas
[William Barret Travis](#), Texas commander at the Battle of the Alamo\

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

[Map of the United States, 1848](#)

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

[From Colonists to Revolutionaries](#)

Excerpt from teacher institute lecture by Gregg Cantrell, “The Mexican National Period and Texas Revolution.”

[From Colonists to Revolutionaries](#)

Excerpt from teacher institute lecture by Jean A. Stuntz, “Women in the Spanish Borderlands.”

TEXAS IN THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Michael Les Benedict, [“Reconstruction”](#)

Michael Les Benedict, [“Violence during Reconstruction”](#)

Daina Ramey Berry, [“Slavery”](#)

Albert S. Broussard, [“Slavery”](#)

Randolph B. Campbell, [“Slavery in Texas”](#)

Daniel Feller, [“Secession”](#)

George Forgie, [“The Civil War”](#)

George Forgie, [“Secession”](#)

Jennifer L. Weber, [“The Civil War”](#)

Jennifer L. Weber, [“Turning Points of the Civil War”](#)

Gordon S. Wood, [“The Revolutionary Origins of the Civil War”](#)

Texas Originals:

[Amelia E. Barr](#), Writer

[Sarah Horton Cockrell](#), Dallas businesswoman and entrepreneur

[Mollie Evelyn Moore Davis](#), Writer and poet

[Frederick Law Olmsted](#), Landscape architect and writer of travel books

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Article:

[Andrew Torget](#), [“The Situation in Texas in 1860”](#)

Excerpt from public lecture on the Election of 1860.

COTTON, CATTLE, AND RAILROADS; AGE OF OIL

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Alwyn Barr, [“Texas 1900–1930”](#)

Erika M. Bsumek, [“Indian Wars in the Southwest”](#)

Erika M. Bsumek, [“Populism, the Railroads, and the West”](#)

Joseph Pratt, [“Boom and Bust in Texas History”](#)

Heather Cox Richardson, [“Indians in American History: The Civil War to the Progressive Era”](#)

Texas Originals:

[Andy Adams](#), Cowboy author

[Karle Wilson Baker](#), Writer

[Julius Bledsoe](#), African American baritone and composer

[Mody Coggin Boatright](#), Writer and folklorist

[William Cowper Brann](#), Journalist

[Amon G. Carter](#), Newspaperman and entrepreneur

[Norris Wright Cuney](#), African American politician

[Mollie Evelyn Moore Davis](#), Writer and poet

[Adina de Zavala](#), Preservationist

[Clara Driscoll](#), Businesswoman, philanthropist, and historic preservationist

[Charles Goodnight](#), Rancher

[Laura Vernon Hamner](#), Writer

[Ima Hogg](#), Philanthropist and patron of the arts

[James Stephen Hogg](#), First native governor of Texas

[Jovita Idár](#), Journalist and activist

[Arthur John “Jack” Johnson](#), First African American to win the world heavyweight boxing championship

[Scott Joplin](#), Composer and pianist

[John Avery Lomax](#), Folklorist

[Elisabet Ney](#), One of the first professional sculptors in Texas

[Quanah Parker](#), Last chief of the Quahada Comanche Indians

[William Sydney Porter \(O. Henry\)](#), Writer

[Charles Franklin “Frank” Reaugh](#), Artist

[Winifred Sanford](#), Short story writer of the 1920s

[Dorothy Scarborough](#), Folklorist and novelist

[Belle Starr](#), “Bandit Queen” and legendary figure of the American West

[King Wallis Vidor](#), Film director

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

[“President Theodore Roosevelt’s visit to Texas, Crowd at Denson, TX, 1905”](#)

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

[“Born into Boots: An Interview with Enid Justin.”](#) Owner of Nocona Boot Company

[“El Último Vaquero: An Interview with Juan Luis Longoria”](#)

TEXAS IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND WORLD WAR II

Teacher Institute Lectures:

George Green, [“Twentieth-Century Texas: The New Deal and World War II”](#)

David Kennedy, [“The 1930s”](#)

David Kennedy, [“World War II”](#)

Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, [“Latinos in World War II”](#)

Texas Originals:

[Etta Moten Barnett](#), Singer, actress, activist, and philanthropist

[Roy Bedichek](#), Writer and folklorist

[Nettie Lee Benson](#), Historian, teacher, librarian

[Billy Lee Brammer](#), Journalist and political novelist

[John Mason Brewer](#), African American folklorist

[Carlos E. Castañeda](#), Historian and professor

[J. Frank Dobie](#), Folklorist

[Edna Ferber](#), Novelist

[Jovita González](#), Folklorist, historian, writer, and teacher

[Margaret Virginia \(Margo\) Jones](#), Theater director-producer and pioneer of the American resident theater movement

[Tom Lea](#), Artist
[Chester William Nimitz](#), Admiral and navy hero
[Katherine Anne Porter](#), Writer
[Cleto Rodríguez](#), World War II hero
[James Earl Rudder](#), Military hero and president of A&M University
[Zachary Scott](#), Actor
[Mildred Babe Didrikson Zaharias](#), Athlete

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

[“Run on San Antonio’s City-Central Bank and Trust Company during the Depression, 1931”](#)

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

[“World War II POWs in the Lone Star State”](#)

Arnold Krammer’s essay on the history of German, Italian, and Japanese prisoners of war held in Texas during WWII.

Interview with [Roy Maxwell Offerle](#)
World War II POW

Interview with [Rufus W. Smith](#)
World War II POW

Interview with [Robert Preston Taylor](#)
World War II POW

CIVIL RIGHTS AND CONSERVATISM

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Albert S. Broussard, [“Teaching the Civil Rights Movement”](#)
Gretchen Ritter, [“Women’s Citizenship and Political Activism”](#)

Texas Originals:

[John Biggers](#), African American artist and educator
[Henry Allen Bullock](#), African American scholar
[James L. Farmer](#), Civil Rights leader and activist
[Miriam “Ma” Ferguson](#), First woman governor of Texas
[Héctor P. García](#), Physician, civil rights and political activist, and founder of the American G.I. Forum
[Horton Foote](#), Texas dramatist
[O’Neil Ford](#), Architect
[Henry B. Gonzalez](#), Hispanic congressman and civil rights pioneer
[Oveta Culp Hobby](#), First secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and commanding officer of the WACs
[Sarah T. Hughes](#), Jurist, politician, and feminist
[Barbara Jordan](#), Politician and educator
[Mickey Leland](#), Legislator
[Alan Lomax](#), Musicologist
[William “Willie” Morris](#), Writer and editor
[Américo Paredes](#), Writer, folklorist, and Mexican American civil rights activist
[Harry Hunt Ransom](#), Scholar and chancellor of the University of Texas
[Tomás Rivera](#), Writer, educator, first Mexican American chancellor of University of California system
[John Goodwin Tower](#), United States Senator

Primary Sources from the Digital Repository:

Lady Bird Johnson, [“The First Lady’s Remarks at the Dedication of Project Head Start, 1965”](#)
Lady Bird Johnson, [“Portrait of Lady Bird Johnson, 1968”](#)
Lyndon B. Johnson, [“President Lyndon B. Johnson Meets with Martin Luther King Jr. in the White House, 1963”](#)

Lyndon B. Johnson, "[President Lyndon B. Johnson Signs Medicare Bill with Former President Harry Truman, 1965](#)"

Lyndon B. Johnson, "[Special Message to the Congress: The American Promise, 1965](#)"

A President's Vision:

[Lyndon Baines Johnson](#); Lyndon Baines Johnson ([interactive poster](#))

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

[A Civil Rights Landmark](#)

Oral history excerpts on the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Ricardo Romo, [Remembering César Chávez](#)

[Congressman Sam Johnson, Excerpts from *Captive Warriors*](#)

In which Johnson details his arrival and first hours at the "Hanoi Hilton."

["Barbara Smith Conrad: Opera Star and Civil Rights Pioneer"](#)

[Michael L. Gillette, "The Craft of Civil Rights"](#)

Excerpts from interviews Gillette conducted with Texas civil rights leader Juanita Craft.

[Michael L. Gillette, "D. B. Hardeman Talks Politics"](#)

Excerpts from oral history interviews with the noted journalist, politician, and political adviser.

[Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's profile of Oveta Culp Hobby](#)

From *American Heroines: The Spirited Women Who Shaped Our Country*.

["LBJ the Teacher"](#)

Excerpts from a 1965 interview in which Johnson reminisces about his experiences as a classroom teacher.

Humanities Texas Past Program:

[Parallel and Crossover Lives: Texas Before and After Desegregation](#)

Oral history project documenting desegregation in Texas communities; includes interview transcripts, videos, and teacher's guide.

CONTEMPORARY TEXAS

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Monica Perales, "[Mexican Americans in the 20th Century](#)"

Texas Originals:

[Mary Kay Ash](#), Entrepreneur

[Dominique and John de Menil](#), Art patrons

[Henry B. Gonzalez](#), Hispanic congressman and civil rights pioneer

[Elmer Kelton](#), Author

[Larry L. King](#), Journalist, playwright, and raconteur

[Marion Koogler McNay](#), Artist, art collector, philanthropist

[Américo Paredes](#), Writer, folklorist, and Mexican American civil rights activist

[Tomás Rivera](#), Writer, educator, first Mexican American chancellor of University of California system

[Melvin B. Tolson](#), Poet and educator

[Walter Prescott Webb](#), Scholar, author, creator of *The Handbook of Texas*

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Article:

["El Último Vaquero: An Interview with Juan Luis Longoria"](#)

REFORM MOVEMENTS

Teacher Institute Lectures:

Erika M. Bsumek, "[Populism, the Railroads, & the West](#)"

Kirsten Gardner, "[Women and Suffrage](#)"

Texas Originals Episodes:

[Annie Webb Blanton](#), Teacher, suffragist, and first woman in Texas elected to statewide office

[Henry Cohen](#), Rabbi and reformer

[Bessie Coleman](#), African American aviator

[Jane Y. McCallum](#), Suffragist, Texas secretary of state

[Minnie Fisher Cunningham](#), Suffragist

TEXAS ART AND CULTURE

Texas Originals:

[Andy Adams](#), Cowboy author

[Karle Wilson Baker](#), Writer

[Etta Moten Barnett](#), Singer, actress, activist, and philanthropist

[Amelia E. Barr](#), Writer

[Roy Bedichek](#), Writer and folklorist

[Mody Coggin Boatright](#), Writer and folklorist

[Nettie Lee Benson](#), Historian, teacher, librarian

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[Margaret Virginia \(Margo\) Jones](#), Pioneer in American theater

[Scott Joplin](#), Composer and pianist

[Elmer Kelton](#), Author

[Larry L. King](#), Journalist, playwright, and raconteur

[Tom Lea](#), Artist

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[Walter Prescott Webb](#), Scholar, author, creator of *The Handbook of Texas*

[Mildred Babe Didrikson Zaharias](#), Athlete

Humanities Texas E-Newsletter Articles:

Adair Margo, [“Remembering José Cisneros”](#)

Memories of the noted illustrator of U.S., Mexican, and Spanish history, especially known for his drawings of horses and horsemen.

[“Barbara Smith Conrad: Opera Star and Civil Rights Pioneer”](#)

Manuel F. Medrano, [“Día de los Muertos: Two Days in November”](#)

About the many marvelous and macabre ways in which the living honor the dead at this special time of year.

[“El Baile: Conjunto Music in the Rio Grande Valley”](#)

A history of the influence of conjunto music and dance in the Rio Grande Valley.

[“Let Wonder Seem Familiar”](#)

A history of Shakespeare at Winedale.

Conversation with noted Texas dramatist [Horton Foote](#)

Maceo Dailey Jr and Albert S. Broussard, [“Remembrances of John Hope Franklin”](#)

Memories of the pioneering scholar of African American history.

[“Voice of the Valley: An Interview with Rolando Hinojosa-Smith”](#)

Interview with the noted Texas author, recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the National Book Critics Circle.

[Elmer Kelton](#)

Memories of, and an interview with, prolific Texas writer Elmer Kelton, designated “Best Western Writer of All Time” by the Western Writers of America.

[Melvin B. Tolson](#)

Perspectives on the life and career of Dr. Melvin B. Tolson, poet, teacher, and scholar portrayed by Denzel Washington in the movie *The Great Debaters*.

[“A Legacy of Firsts: Texas Architect John S. Chase”](#)

Excerpt from *As We Saw It: The Story of Integration at The University of Texas at Austin*, edited by Gregory J. Vincent, Virginia A. Cumberbatch, and Leslie A. Blair on John S. Chase, the first African American to attend graduate school at UT Austin and the first licensed black architect in the South.

Steven L. Davis, [“Texas Literature: The First 470 Years \(Give or Take a Few Days\)”](#)