

Lesson Plan

Battle Map

Book: *The Texas Revolution*

Series: Expansion of Our Nation

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students practice map-reading skills such as determining cardinal directions, comparing distances, and interpreting a key.

Supplies

- *The Texas Revolution* book
- Battle Map worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Read *The Texas Revolution*, or assign it to students to read on their own. Print a Battle Map worksheet for each student.

Activity

In the 1820s, Texas was a part of Mexico. However, many settlers had moved to Texas from the United States. These settlers were known as Texians. When the Mexican government became stronger and more controlling, the Texians resisted. By 1835, they were fighting to make Texas independent from Mexico. The Texas Revolution had begun.

Have students open *The Texas Revolution* to page 25 and look at the map on this page. This map shows some of the major battles that were fought during the Texas Revolution. Give each student a Battle Map worksheet. Students should use the map on page 25 to answer each question on the worksheet.

Note: If students are having difficulty finding the answer on the map, encourage them to look through the rest of the book. Most answers can also be found in the book's main text.

Evaluation

Collect students' worksheets and use the attached answer key to give them 1 point for each correct answer, for a total of 10 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 4 (RI 4.7).

Battle Map

1. Which river formed the southern border of Texas's disputed territory?
2. Which river did Mexico say formed the border of Texas?
3. Which river reaches farther south?
4. Who won the battle fought in the town of Gonzales?
5. Who won the battle fought in the town of Refugio?
6. How many battles on the map did each side win?
7. Which battle happened the farthest to the west?
8. Which battle was fought the farthest to the east?
9. What town was closest to the Alamo?
10. What town was closest to Refugio?

Battle Map ANSWER KEY

1. Which river formed the southern border of Texas's disputed territory?

The Rio Grande

2. Which river did Mexico say formed the border of Texas?

The Nueces River

3. Which river reaches farther south?

The Rio Grande reaches farther south.

4. Who won the battle fought in the town of Gonzales?

The Texians

5. Who won the battle fought in the town of Refugio?

Mexico

6. How many battles on the map did each side win?

Both sides won three battles that are shown on the map.

7. Which battle happened the farthest to the west?

The Battle at San Antonio

8. Which battle was fought the farthest to the east?

The Battle at San Jacinto

9. What town was closest to the Alamo?

San Antonio

10. What town was closest to Refugio?

Goliad