

Academic Vocabulary

CONTENT BUILDER FOR THE PLC

SOCIAL STUDIES GRADE 4

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STANDARDS (TEKS): academic vocabulary directly taken from the standard STAAR: academic vocabulary used on the assessment (source released tests)

STANDARD 4.1(D) compare the ways of life of American Indian groups in Texas and North America before European exploration

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Compare	American Indians		
	Texas		
	North America		
	European exploration		

STANDARD 4.2(B) identify the accomplishments and explain the impact of significant explorers, including Cabeza de Vaca; Francisco Coronado; and René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle, on the settlement of Texas

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Accomplishments		
Explain	Impact		
	Explorers		
	Cabeza de Vaca		
	Francisco Coronado		
	René Robert Cavelier		
	Sieur de la Salle		
	Settlement		

STANDARD 4.2(E) identify the accomplishments and explain the economic motivations and impact of significant empresarios, including Stephen F. Austin and Martín de León, on the settlement of Texas

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Accomplishments		
Explain	Economic motivations		
	Impact		
	Empresarios		
	Stephen F. Austin		
	Martín de León		
	Settlement		

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STANDARD 4.3(A) analyze the causes, major events, and effects of the Texas Revolution, including the Battle of the Alamo, the Texas Declaration of Independence, the Runaway Scrape, and the Battle of San Jacinto

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Analyze	Causes		
	Major events		
	Effects		
	Texas Revolution		
	Battle of the Alamo		
	Texas Declaration of		
	Independence		
	Runaway Scrape		
	Battle of San Jacinto		

STANDARD 4.3(E) explain the events that led to the annexation of Texas to the United States, including the impact of the U.S. - Mexican War

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Events		
	Annexation		
	Impact		
	U.S Mexican War		

STANDARD 4.4(A) describe the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Texas

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Impact		
	Civil War		
	Reconstruction		



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STANDARD 4.4(B) explain the growth, development, and impact of the cattle industry, including contributions made by Charles Goodnight, Richard King, and Lizzie Johnson

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASS	LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common	
Explain	Growth			
	Development			
	Impact			
	Cattle industry			
	Contributions			
	Charles Goodnight			
	Richard King			
	Lizzie Johnson			

STANDARD 4.5(A) identify the impact of various issues and events on life in Texas such as urbanization, increased use of oil and gas, the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and World War II

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Impact		
	Issues		
	Events		
	Urbanization		
	Oil		
	Gas		
	Great Depression		
	Dust Bowl		
	World War II		

STANDARD 4.5(B) explain the development and impact of the oil and gas industry upon industrialization and urbanization in Texas, including important places and people such as Spindletop and Pattillo Higgins

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Development		
	Impact		
	Oil		
	Gas		
	Industry		
	Industrialization		
	Urbanization		
	Spindletop		
	Pattillo Higgins		



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STANDARD 4.8(A) identify and explain clusters and patterns of settlement in Texas at different time periods such as prior to the Texas Revolution, after the building of the railroads, and following World War II

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Clusters		
Explain	Patterns		
	Settlement		
	Time periods		
	Texas Revolution		
	Railroads		
	World War II		

STANDARD 4.9(B) identify reasons why people have adapted to and modified their environment in Texas, past and present, such as the use of natural resources to meet basic needs, facilitate transportation, and enhance recreational activities

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSI	ESSMENTS
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Adapt		
	Modify		
	Environment		
	Past		
	Present		
	Natural resources		
	Basic needs		
	Transportation		
	Recreational activities		

STANDARD 4.19(C) summarize the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups in the development of Texas such as Lydia Mendoza, Chelo Silva, and Julius Lorenzo Cobb Bledsoe

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSI	ESSMENTS
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Summarize	Contributions		
	Racial		
	Ethnic		
	Religious		
	Development		
	Lydia Mendoza		
	Chelo Silva		
	Julius Lorenzo Cobb		
	Bledsoe		



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STANDARD 4.15(A) identify the purposes and explain the importance of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the Texas Constitution, and other documents such as the Meusebach-Comanche Treaty

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Purposes		
Explain	Importance		
	Texas Declaration of		
	Independence		
	Texas Constitution		
	Meusebach-Comanche		
	Treaty		

STANDARD 4.17(C) explain the duty of the individual in state and local elections such as being informed and voting

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Duty		
	Individual		
	State elections		
	Local elections		
	Informed		
	Voting		

STANDARD 4.18(A) identify leaders in state, local, and national governments, including the governor, local members of the Texas Legislature, the local mayor, U.S. senators, local U.S. representatives, and Texans who have been president of the United States

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Leaders		
	State		
	Local		
	National		
	Governments		
	Governor		
	Texas Legislature		
	Mayor		
	U.S. senators		
	U.S. representatives		
	President		



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STANDARD 4.11(B) describe how the free enterprise system works, including supply and demand

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Free enterprise system		
	Supply		
	Demand		

STANDARD 4.12(A) explain how people in different regions of Texas earn their living, past and present, through a subsistence economy and providing goods and services

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Regions		
	Earn a living		
	Past		
	Present		
	Subsistence economy		
	Provide		
	Goods		
	Services		

STANDARD 4.13(A) identify ways in which technological changes in areas such as transportation and communication have resulted in increased interdependence among Texas, the United States, and the world

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Technological changes		
	Transportation		
	Communication		
	Interdependence		



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STANDARD 4.20(B) describe how scientific discoveries and innovations such as in aerospace, agriculture, energy, and technology have benefited individuals, businesses, and society in Texas

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Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Discoveries		
	Innovations		
	Aerospace		
	Agriculture		
	Energy		
	Technology		
	Benefited		
	Individuals		
	Businesses		
	Society		

