

# The Texas Revolution

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# American Settlers Move To Texas

- ♦ **Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla tried to lead a Mexican rebellion against Spanish rule in 1810 - IT FAILED**
- ♦ **In 1821, Costilla's rebellion had gained enough support that Mexico won its independence from Spain.**
- ♦ **In 1824, it adopted a republican constitution**

# American Settlers Move To Texas

- ♦ To bring more settlers to Texas, the Mexican government hired *Empresarios* [land agents] to bring in more people
- ♦ The *Empresarios* were paid in land grants
- ♦ Stephen F. Austin [American] started a colony on the lower Colorado River
- ♦ This became known as the “Old Three Hundred” (American settlers in Texas)

# American Settlers Move To Texas

- ♦ In exchange for the free land, settlers had to follow Mexican laws
- ♦ This meant **NO SLAVERY** - this was ignored by many American settlers
- ♦ In 1830, Mexico banned further settlement by Americans
- ♦ Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna became ruler of Mexico
  - ♦ He suspended the republican constitution & began to focus his attention on Texas

# Texans Revolt Against Mexico

- ♦ In October, 1835 - the Mexican Army tried to remove a cannon from the town of Gonzales, TX
- ♦ Texas rebels were there to defend the cannon
- ♦ The Texas rebels won the battle
- ♦ The Texas War for Independence had begun!

# Texans Revolt Against Mexico

- ◆ **March 2, 1836 - Texas declared its independence**
- ◆ **Rep. Of Texas adopted & wrote a declaration of independence & a constitution based on the U.S. models**
- ◆ **David Burnet - 1st President of Texas**
- ◆ **Sam Houston - head of Texas Army**

# Texans Revolt Against Mexico

- ◆ The Battle at the Alamo (an abandoned mission near San Antonio)
- ◆ Texas rebels numbers less than 200 (heavily outnumbered)
- ◆ Battle lasted for 2 weeks
- ◆ 3/6/1836 - the Mexican Army attacked and defeated the Texans (all of the Texas defenders were killed)
- ◆ Heroics of the battle inspired the cry, *"Remember the Alamo!"*

# Texans Revolt Against Mexico

- ◆ **Battle at Goliad - Santa Anna ordered the execution of 350 prisoners who had surrendered**
- ◆ **This hurt Santa Anna because his actions enraged the Texans**



# Texans Revolt Against Mexico

- ◆ **The Battle of San Jacinto - After Goliad, Santa Anna had Houston's men on the run**
- ◆ **4/21/1836: Santa Anna & his men chose to rest near the San Jacinto River**
- ◆ **Houston & the Texas army attacked the Mexican Army while they were at camp and defeated them**
- ◆ **Santa Anna was captured & forced to sign a treaty recognizing Texas' independence**

# An Independent Nation

- ◆ After the war, Sam Houston was elected president of Texas; Stephen F. Austin was chosen as Sec. Of State
- ◆ To increase population, Texas offered land grants to American settlers (many of those settlers brought slaves with them)
- ◆ Many Americans (including the U.S. Congress) wanted to annex Texas

# An Independent Nation

- ◆ **President Andrew Jackson did not want to add Texas as a state**
- ◆ **He was concerned that adding Texas as a slave state would upset the balance of free & slave states**
- ◆ **The U.S. recognized Texas as an independent Republic**

# An Independent Nation

- ♦ In 1837, the Republic of Texas organized the Texas Rangers to protect Texas from Mexico & Native American attacks
- ♦ In 1844, Mexico officially recognized Texas independence