

BATTLE OF THE ALAMO

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many... to sign the Constitution without a Bill of Rights?

Q3 How many freedoms are included in the 1st Amendment?

Q4 What is another word for liberties (found in parenthesis)?

Q5 What is a change or addition to the U.S. Constitution known as?

Q6 Many of the delegates from states would not ratify, or Constitution.

Q7 The Alamo (were against) government.

Q8 The Bill of Rights has provided the foundation of freedom for all ----

Q9 Who drafted a Bill of Rights that had 19 amendments?


















Q10 What word means plan of government?

Remember where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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Record the letters for each answer to the question below, then use the decoder to find the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question #1 was a...
ALPHA CODE

LETTERS



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CARD #1



"Remember the Alamo!" This phrase has been pivotal in rallying the spirits of the people of Texas throughout history. The Battle of the Alamo was a conflict lasting only thirteen days, but it is important in the history of Texas and the United States.

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CARD #3

The building was important in the Mexican War of independence where Mexico won independence from Spain in 1821. It was used to house troops as they fought the war. After Mexico won independence, immigrants from nearby United States territories started to make Texas their home. Stephen Austin brought 300 families to settle in Texas. By the 1830s, thousands of immigrants were fighting for their own independence from Mexico.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 READING CARDS
- ✓ 10 QUESTIONS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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WILLIAM



CONTROL



COLONEL

CARD #7

The Commander-in-Chief of the Texan forces was Sam Houston. His recommendation was to abandon (leave) the Alamo because there were not enough men protecting it, but Bowie, Travis, and Crockett stayed with about 200 men. The troops at the Alamo protected the former mission as best they could and prepared to fight the Mexican forces.



FORCES



BOWIE



SAM HOUSTON

CARD #9

Instead of being discouraged, the Texans were even more determined to gain their independence. More men defending the Alamo died, but they lost their forces far outnumbering them. Word spread from mission outpost and the Battle of the Alamo might be able to defeat Mexican forces together. A few months later, Texans clashed with Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto near Houston, Texas. This was a turning point in Texas independence.



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ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question. Questions #1-10 will NOT be found on card #1. You have to visit each reading card to find your answer. The card number you found the answer to is the numeric code for the answer.

How many questions did you answer? _____

How many questions did you skip? _____

How many questions did you get wrong? _____

How many questions did you get right? _____

CARD #S AND QUESTIONS

Write the answer to each question in the box below.

If you are answering a question, be sure you are writing the correct answer.

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE

Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as your answer. All numbers that are spelled with just one letter are spelled with just one letter. All numbers that start with the letter F. Do not change the order of the numbers.

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question to determine the letters.

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SUMMARY

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL

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VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the chart below.

WORD	PICTURE	DEFINITION

ANSWER KEY

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
Q9	Q10		

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10 READING CARDS

CARD #1

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REMEMBER THIRTEEN

CARD #2

The Alamo is a building that you can still see in San Antonio, Texas. It was originally built by missionaries to spread Christianity into Mexico. The mission was intended for people to live and worship freely. Missionaries from the 'San Antonio de Valero' and used the building for many years. By the 1800s, the mission was abandoned.

FORCES

CARD #3

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SPAIN FAMILIES

CARD #4

A Mexican general named Santa Anna took control of the government of Mexico in 1821. The Texans did not like or agree with Santa Anna. The Texans, calling themselves the 'Loyalists', were loyal to Santa Anna.

OUTPOST TURNING POINT SAN JACINTO

CARD #5

In December of 1835, Texan troops overwhelmed the Mexican forces at the Alamo and captured the fort. The leaders of the troops now in control of the Alamo were two men named Colonel James Bowie and Lieutenant Colonel William B. Travis.

WILLIAM CONTROL COLONEL

CARD #6

One of the men under their command was famous frontiersman Davy Crockett. Crockett was known as 'King of the Wild Frontier'.

ANSWER SHEET: ALPHA CODE

Use the decoder to determine which LETTER your answer choice indicates (based on the questions on the other page). Refer back to the card WHERE you FOUND the answer to determine the letters.

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=B	=K	=T

CARD #7

The Commander-in-Chief of the Texas Army was Sam Houston. His recommendation was to abandon (leave) the Alamo because there were not enough men protecting it, but Santa Anna and Crockett stayed with the men. The troops at the Alamo were outnumbered by the Mexican forces.

CONTROL OPERATIONS

CARD #8

On the morning of the Battle of the Alamo, Santa Anna named the Army of Operations. There are differing opinions on how many troops came to fight at the Alamo. Between 1,800 - 6,000 Mexican troops were there between 1,800 - 6,000 Mexican troops. Santa Anna wanted to get into the Alamo and defeat the Texan forces. The Texan forces fought hard. They held out for 13 days. On the morning of the 13th day, the Texan forces fell, and the Alamo was again in the hands of Mexican forces.

FATHER BRAVEL

CARD #9

Instead of being discouraged, the Texans were even more determined to gain their independence from Mexico. They were far outnumbering them. Word spread of the Texas Revolution and the Battle of the Alamo. Texans were determined to defeat Mexican forces if they could. Months later, Texas claimed independence. Santa Anna was the Commander-in-Chief of San Antonio, Texas. Sam Houston, Texas, was the Commander-in-Chief for Texas.

ANSWER SHEET: NUMERIC CODE

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Q2 Stephen Austin was also known as the "____ of Texas".	Q7 The Alamo was originally built by _____ spreading Christianity into Mexico.
Q3 Who was the Commander-in-Chief of the Texan forces?	Q8 Davy Crockett was known as the "King of the _____".
Q4 One of the leaders was Lieutenant Colonel _____ B. Travis.	Q9 The Texans, calling themselves '____', started to rebel.
Q5 How many days did the battle of the Alamo last?	Q10 The Mexican troops were named the Army of _____.

Refer to the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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CARD #10

After the Battle of the Alamo, the Texans would refer to themselves as the "Loyalists" as they were loyal to Santa Anna. They called themselves that a small group of men fought bravely against so many soldiers. For almost 10 years, Texas remained an independent republic with Houston serving as its first elected president. In 1845, Texas officially became the 28th state of the United States. The name of Texas was named Austin after Stephen Austin, known as the "Father of Texas".

CITE EVIDENCE



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NUMERIC CODE

Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as one of YOUR answers.
 Get rid of all numbers that are not used as one of YOUR answers.

ALPHA CODE

For each answer below, then use the decoder to grab the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question # 1 was a crown, the letter would be C.

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Eliminate the highest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.
 Eliminate the lowest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.
 Eliminate the lowest VOWEL used as one of YOUR answers.
 Eliminate the highest VOWEL used as one of YOUR answers.

Do not change the order.

Decoder:

1

STUDENTS MAY START AT ANY QUESTION AND VISIT THE CARDS SEVERAL TIMES SEEKING TEXT EVIDENCE.

2

STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE THEY FOUND THE ANSWER.**

3

STUDENTS WILL USE THE CLUES TO DETERMINE A 4-DIGIT ALPHA CODE AND 4-DIGIT NUMERIC CODE.

COMBINATION










This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **secret codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  Anticipatory sets
-  Unit review
-  Early finishers
-  Stations
-  Sub plans
-  Partner work
-  Enrichment

-  Movement
-  Cross-curricular
-  Highly engaging

