

# Texas Stories in Stone

Read how Texas symbols and landmarks carry meaning.

**4.14.A** “explain the meaning of various patriotic symbols and landmarks of Texas, including the six flags that flew over Texas, the Alamo, and the San Jacinto Monument;”

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the one sentence in each paragraph that begins with **It stands for**. These sentences explain what a Texas symbol or landmark means.

### Signs of Texas History

- ① Texas has been ruled by six different governments. The Six Flags Over Texas idea names Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States. These are not six modern state flags flying together. **It stands for** Texas's changing history under several governments. When people see six flags at a Texas site, they can remember that Texas was once part of different nations and a republic.
- ② The Alamo in San Antonio was a mission before it became a fort. In 1836, Texan defenders fought Mexican troops there during the Texas Revolution. The defenders were defeated, but their stand became an important story in Texas history. **It stands for** courage and sacrifice in the fight for Texas independence. The Alamo reminds people that people gave their lives for a cause they believed was important.
- ③ The San Jacinto Monument rises near Houston, where the Battle of San Jacinto was fought in 1836. At that battle, the Texas army defeated the Mexican army, helping win Texas independence. The monument is a tall column topped by a star. **It stands for** the victory at San Jacinto and the independence that followed. Visitors can think about the battle and the people whose actions changed Texas history.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

1 Which six governments are named by the Six Flags Over Texas idea?

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2 What does the Six Flags Over Texas idea stand for?

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3 What does the Alamo stand for?

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4 What does the San Jacinto Monument stand for?

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## 3 YOUR TURN \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write exactly two sentences for a museum label about the Texas flag. Name one feature of the flag in the first sentence, and explain what that feature stands for in the second sentence.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the one sentence in each paragraph that begins with **It stands for**. These sentences explain what a Texas symbol or landmark means. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                          | ANSWER                                                                                                         |
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| 1 | Which six governments are named by the Six Flags Over Texas idea? | <b>Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States.</b> |
| 2 | What does the Six Flags Over Texas idea stand for?                | <b>Texas's changing history under several governments.</b>                                                     |
| 3 | What does the Alamo stand for?                                    | <b>Courage and sacrifice in the fight for Texas independence.</b>                                              |
| 4 | What does the San Jacinto Monument stand for?                     | <b>The victory at San Jacinto and the independence that followed.</b>                                          |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

The Texas flag has one white star on a blue field. The star represents unity because Texas is one state.

Accept accurate paraphrases of the meanings stated in the passage. For Your Turn, accept any accurate Texas flag feature and a correct explanation of its meaning.