

Texas Leadership Trail

Identify leaders who guided Texas from republic to state.

4.3.C “identify leaders important to the founding of Texas as a republic and state, including José Antonio Navarro, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar, and Anson Jones;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each leader's name, then underline the words that tell what that leader did. Use your marks to connect each person to an important part of Texas history.

Leaders of Early Texas

- ① After Texas won independence from Mexico in 1836, its people built the Republic of Texas. José Antonio Navarro was a Tejano leader, meaning he was a Texan of Mexican heritage. He signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and served in the republic's Congress. Navarro strongly supported joining the United States later.
- ② Sam Houston led the Texas army during the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. The Texas victory helped secure independence from Mexico. Voters chose Houston as president of the republic twice. Mirabeau Lamar, another president, promoted public education. During his presidency, the government selected the site for a new capital in Texas. The town there was later named Austin.
- ③ Anson Jones became the last president of the Republic of Texas. He worked to complete annexation, so Texas could become a state in the United States. In 1845, Texas entered the United States. Jones helped transfer authority from the republic to the new state government. These leaders shaped Texas through independence, the republic, and statehood.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which leader was a Tejano? Name one important action he took.

2 How did Sam Houston help Texas win independence from Mexico?

3 Name two ways Mirabeau Lamar shaped the Republic of Texas.

4 Why was Anson Jones important when Texas became a state?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence museum caption that compares Sam Houston and Anson Jones. Explain one way Houston helped the republic, one way Jones helped Texas become a state, and one way their work was alike.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each leader's name, then underline the words that tell what that leader did. Use your marks to connect each person to an important part of Texas history. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which leader was a Tejano? Name one important action he took.	José Antonio Navarro was a Tejano. He signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, served in the republic's Congress, or supported annexation.
2	How did Sam Houston help Texas win independence from Mexico?	He led the Texas army during the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836.
3	Name two ways Mirabeau Lamar shaped the Republic of Texas.	He promoted public education, and during his presidency the government selected the site for a new capital, later named Austin.
4	Why was Anson Jones important when Texas became a state?	As the last president of the Republic of Texas, he worked to complete annexation and helped transfer authority to the new state government.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sam Houston helped the Republic of Texas by leading the Texas army at the Battle of San Jacinto and serving as president. Anson Jones helped Texas become a state by working to complete annexation and transfer authority to the state government. Both leaders guided Texas during important changes.

Accept accurate actions and roles stated in the passage. For Part 3, accept three sentences that correctly compare Houston's service to the republic with Jones's role in statehood and include a reasonable similarity.