

Texas Changes

Trace how war and rebuilding changed life in Texas.

4.4.A “describe the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on Texas;”

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that show how the Civil War changed Texas. Circle two details that show how Reconstruction changed Texans' lives.

War and Rebuilding in Texas

- ① In 1861, Texas left the United States and joined the Confederate States during the Civil War. Many Texas men became soldiers. Farms and ranches supplied food, horses, and cattle for Confederate armies. A Union blockade along the Gulf Coast made it harder to trade. As goods became scarce, families faced high prices and shortages of items such as cloth and coffee.
- ② Although the Civil War ended in spring 1865, news and federal troops reached Galveston later. On June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger announced that enslaved people in Texas were free. This day became known as Juneteenth. Freedom changed families' lives as people could leave plantations, look for paid work, build communities, and make choices for themselves.
- ③ During Reconstruction, the United States required Texas to make changes before returning to the Union. A new state constitution supported public schools and gave Black men the right to vote. Texas rejoined the Union in 1870. However, many Black Texans faced violence and unfair treatment. Reconstruction brought new rights and opportunities, but protecting those rights remained difficult.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What was one way Texans supported Confederate armies during the Civil War?

2 How did the Union blockade change life for Texas families?

3 Why is June 19, 1865, important in Texas history? Name one way freedom changed people's lives.

4 Name one change Reconstruction brought to Texas and one problem many Black Texans still faced.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write 3 sentences explaining one Civil War change and one Reconstruction change in Texas. In your last sentence, compare how the two changes affected Texans' lives.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show how the Civil War changed Texas. Circle two details that show how Reconstruction changed Texans' lives. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What was one way Texans supported Confederate armies during the Civil War?	Texas farms and ranches supplied food, horses, and cattle for Confederate armies.
2	How did the Union blockade change life for Texas families?	The blockade made trade harder. Goods became scarce, so families faced high prices and shortages.
3	Why is June 19, 1865, important in Texas history? Name one way freedom changed people's lives.	On June 19, General Gordon Granger announced that enslaved people in Texas were free. People could leave plantations, seek paid work, build communities, or make choices for themselves.
4	Name one change Reconstruction brought to Texas and one problem many Black Texans still faced.	Reconstruction supported public schools or gave Black men the right to vote. Many Black Texans still faced violence and unfair treatment.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Civil War changed Texas because the blockade made needed goods harder to get. During Reconstruction, public schools gained support, giving more children a chance to learn. The war brought shortages, while Reconstruction created new opportunities but also challenges.

Accept equivalent details from the passage and clear cause-and-effect explanations. For the open response, look for one accurate impact from each period and a meaningful comparison.