

Texas Changes

Trace how major events changed life in Texas after the Civil War.

4.4 "History. The student understands the political, economic, and social changes in Texas during the last half of the 19th century. The student is expected to: 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 Circle events or causes, and underline the changes they caused. Write the same number beside each cause and effect pair.

A Changing Texas

- ① After the Civil War ended in 1865, Texas faced huge changes. Enslaved people became free, and many families looked for paid work, land, schools, and safety. During Reconstruction, the U.S. government required Texas to write new laws and protect the rights of formerly enslaved people. Texas returned to the Union in 1870, but many people faced poverty and unfair treatment.
- ② Cattle ranching grew as Texans sold beef to people in other places. Charles Goodnight helped create the Goodnight-Loving Trail and turned an Army wagon into a chuckwagon for trail workers. Richard King built the large King Ranch in South Texas. Lizzie Johnson ran ranches, bought cattle, and led cattle drives. These ranchers and workers brought jobs and money, but long drives were difficult.
- ③ Railroads connected Texas towns to markets and made travel faster. Towns with depots grew into cities, while cattle, cotton, lumber, and other goods could reach buyers more easily. Railroads and U.S. forts also changed American Indian life. During the Red River War of 1874 to 1875, U.S. soldiers forced many Southern Plains Indians onto reservations. The loss of buffalo removed a vital food source. Forts and railroads brought more settlers and soldiers, making it harder to live traditionally.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What was one change caused by the end of the Civil War, and what did Reconstruction require Texas to do?

2 How did Charles Goodnight, Richard King, and Lizzie Johnson each help the cattle industry grow?

3 How did railroads change Texas towns and major industries?

4 What made traditional American Indian life harder after the Red River War? Use two details from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four-sentence news brief from 1875. Explain one change that helped a Texas industry and one change that made traditional American Indian life harder. Name each cause and its effect.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle events or causes, and underline the changes they caused. Write the same number beside each cause and effect pair. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What was one change caused by the end of the Civil War, and what did Reconstruction require Texas to do?	Enslaved people became free. Reconstruction required Texas to write new laws and protect the rights of formerly enslaved people.
2	How did Charles Goodnight, Richard King, and Lizzie Johnson each help the cattle industry grow?	Goodnight helped create the Goodnight-Loving Trail and made a chuckwagon. King built the King Ranch. Johnson ran ranches, bought cattle, and led cattle drives.
3	How did railroads change Texas towns and major industries?	Towns with depots grew into cities. Railroads helped cattle, cotton, lumber, and other goods reach buyers more easily.
4	What made traditional American Indian life harder after the Red River War? Use two details from the passage.	Many Southern Plains Indians were forced onto reservations, buffalo were lost as a vital food source, and forts and railroads brought more settlers and soldiers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Railroads now carry cattle, cotton, and lumber to buyers more easily. This new transportation helps Texas industries and lets depot towns grow. At the same time, the loss of buffalo has taken away a vital food source for American Indians. The Red River War, forts, and railroads also brought soldiers and settlers, making traditional life harder.

Accept equivalent cause-and-effect statements supported by the passage. For the news brief, look for four sentences that name an industry benefit and an effect on American Indian life, with accurate causes.