

Texas Changes

Read how events, industries, and people shaped life in Texas.

4.5 "History. The student understands important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas. The student is expected to: explain the impact of various events on life in Texas such as the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the names of important events and people. Circle the words that tell how each event or person changed life in Texas.

Events That Changed Texas

- ① Texas changed quickly after a powerful oil well blew in at Spindletop, near Beaumont, in 1901. Pattillo Higgins had believed oil lay under the salt dome and helped interest others in drilling there. Spindletop showed that huge amounts of oil could be found. Oil and gas companies grew, creating jobs in drilling, refining, pipelines, and shipping. Towns near oil fields grew into busy cities, and factories used fuel to make goods.
- ② During the Great Depression of the 1930s, many Texans lost jobs or earned less money. Families saved what they could and sometimes moved to find work. At the same time, drought and strong winds caused the Dust Bowl on the Texas Panhandle. Dust storms damaged crops and farms. Some farm families left the region, while others struggled to keep their land and feed their families.
- ③ World War II brought military and factory work to Texas. Texans served in armed forces, and women and men made supplies for the war. Audie Murphy, from Farmersville, became one of the most decorated U.S. combat soldiers. Cleto Rodríguez, from San Marcos, earned the Medal of Honor for bravery in the war. Earlier, Bessie Coleman, born in Atlanta, Texas, became the first African American and Native American woman licensed as a pilot, inspiring future flyers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Spindletop change jobs and towns in Texas?

2 How did the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl make life difficult for Texas families?

3 Name two ways World War II changed life in Texas.

4 How did Audie Murphy, Cleto Rodríguez, and Bessie Coleman become notable Texans?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write four sentences comparing two events from the passage. State one impact of each event, then explain one way both events changed work, homes, or towns in Texas.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the names of important events and people. Circle the words that tell how each event or person changed life in Texas. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Spindletop change jobs and towns in Texas?	Spindletop helped oil and gas companies grow and created jobs in drilling, refining, pipelines, and shipping. Towns near oil fields grew into busy cities.
2	How did the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl make life difficult for Texas families?	During the Great Depression, people lost jobs or earned less money and sometimes moved to find work. During the Dust Bowl, storms damaged crops and farms, so families struggled to keep land and feed their families.
3	Name two ways World War II changed life in Texas.	It brought military and factory work to Texas. Texans served in the armed forces, and women and men made war supplies.
4	How did Audie Murphy, Cleto Rodríguez, and Bessie Coleman become notable Texans?	Murphy became one of the most decorated U.S. combat soldiers. Rodríguez earned the Medal of Honor for bravery in World War II. Coleman became the first African American and Native American woman licensed as a pilot and inspired future flyers.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Spindletop and the Great Depression both changed life in Texas. Spindletop created jobs in oil and gas work and helped towns grow. During the Great Depression, many people lost jobs or moved to find work. One event expanded work and cities, but the other made work and money harder to find.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the passage's cause-and-effect relationships. For the open response, accept any two passage events with accurate impacts and a reasonable comparison.