

Routes Into Texas

Trace each group's reason for coming and settlement choice.

7.10.A "identify why immigrant groups came to Texas and where they settled;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each reason an immigrant group came to Texas. Circle each place where a group settled, then write the same small number by reasons and places that belong to the same group.

Why People Chose Texas

- ① During the 1840s, many Germans left the German states because of political unrest, limited economic chances, and the hope of owning land. The Adelsverein, a German colonization group, helped some families travel to Texas. They established New Braunfels and Fredericksburg in central Texas. Other German communities grew nearby, where settlers could farm and find water from springs and rivers. Their choice of central Texas connected the goal of land ownership with places that offered usable farmland and dependable water.
- ② Beginning in the 1850s, Czech families came to Texas seeking affordable farms and relief from economic pressure and political limits under Habsburg rule. Many settled on the fertile prairie land of Fayette, Lavaca, and Colorado counties in east-central Texas. Polish immigrants, many from Silesia, also wanted land and religious freedom. In 1854, they founded Panna Maria in Karnes County, south of San Antonio. Farm land and the chance to practice their Catholic faith shaped where these groups built communities.
- ③ After the Mexican Revolution began in 1910, many Mexican immigrants crossed into Texas to escape violence and to find work. Some settled in border cities such as El Paso, Laredo, and Brownsville, close to Mexico and to jobs. Others moved to San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas, where railroads, factories, and other employers needed workers. These settlement choices show that a group's destination could be shaped by both safety and work, as well as by distance from relatives and familiar communities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What two reasons did many German immigrants leave the German states for Texas?

2 Where did many German immigrants settle, and what features made that area useful to them?

3 Give one reason Czech immigrants came and where they settled. Then give one reason Polish immigrants came and where they settled.

4 Why did many Mexican immigrants come to Texas after 1910, and where did they settle?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences comparing two immigrant groups from the passage. State why each group came, where each settled, and explain one way its reasons were connected to its settlement choice.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each reason an immigrant group came to Texas. Circle each place where a group settled, then write the same small number by reasons and places that belong to the same group. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two reasons did many German immigrants leave the German states for Texas?	They left because of political unrest, limited economic chances, and the hope of owning land. Accept any two reasons.
2	Where did many German immigrants settle, and what features made that area useful to them?	They settled in central Texas, including New Braunfels and Fredericksburg. The area had usable farmland and water from springs and rivers.
3	Give one reason Czech immigrants came and where they settled. Then give one reason Polish immigrants came and where they settled.	Czechs sought affordable farms and relief from economic and political pressure, settling in Fayette, Lavaca, and Colorado counties. Poles wanted land and religious freedom, settling at Panna Maria in Karnes County.
4	Why did many Mexican immigrants come to Texas after 1910, and where did they settle?	They came to escape violence and find work. They settled in border cities such as El Paso, Laredo, and Brownsville, and in cities including San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

German immigrants hoped to own land and settled in central Texas, including New Braunfels and Fredericksburg. Mexican immigrants fled revolution-related violence and looked for work, settling in border cities and larger Texas cities. The Germans chose farming areas with water, while Mexican immigrants often chose places near safety, relatives, and jobs.

Accept equivalent place descriptions that match the passage, such as central Texas for German settlements or east-central Texas for Czech settlements. For the open response, accept any two groups if the student accurately connects each group's reason for coming with a settlement location.