

People Shape Texas

Trace how new residents have changed Texas communities.

7.10.B “describe how immigration and migration to Texas have influenced Texas;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each group of people who moved to Texas, circle each reason for moving, and number the effects on Texas communities in the order you find them.

Arrivals and Changes

- ① Texas has long changed as people arrived from other places. Indigenous peoples lived in the region first, and Spanish settlers established missions and towns during the 1700s. After Texas became part of the United States in 1845, migrants from southern states moved in. Many brought farming methods, languages, foods, and religious traditions. German immigrants founded communities such as New Braunfels and Fredericksburg. Their influence can still be heard in place names, festivals, and local food traditions across the state today.
- ② Migration within the United States also reshaped Texas. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, African American families moved to Texas communities, while many Texans left rural areas for growing cities. Oil discoveries and railroad jobs drew workers to places such as Houston, Dallas, and the Permian Basin. Later, people from other states moved to Texas for military bases, universities, and technology jobs. As neighborhoods grew, newcomers increased demand for housing, schools, transportation, and businesses. They also brought work skills and cultural traditions that shaped city life.
- ③ Since the late twentieth century, immigrants have arrived in Texas from Latin America, Asia, Africa, and other regions. Some came to join relatives, seek safety, attend school, or find work. Immigrant-owned restaurants, stores, and service businesses have changed commercial streets in cities and small towns. Communities celebrate traditions through language, art, music, and holidays, while residents share ideas and customs. Immigration and migration do not affect every place in the same way, but both continue to shape where Texans live, work, and build communities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Name one immigrant group in the passage and describe two ways its influence is still seen in Texas.

2 How did oil discoveries and railroad jobs influence migration within Texas?

3 According to the passage, how did newcomers change growing Texas neighborhoods?

4 Give two reasons recent immigrants came to Texas and one way they influenced communities.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Imagine families from another U.S. state move to a Texas town for new jobs. Write three sentences that explain why they moved and describe two ways their arrival could influence the town.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each group of people who moved to Texas, circle each reason for moving, and number the effects on Texas communities in the order you find them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name one immigrant group in the passage and describe two ways its influence is still seen in Texas.	German immigrants. Their influence is seen in place names, festivals, and local food traditions. Accept any two of these effects.
2	How did oil discoveries and railroad jobs influence migration within Texas?	They drew workers to places such as Houston, Dallas, and the Permian Basin.
3	According to the passage, how did newcomers change growing Texas neighborhoods?	They increased demand for housing, schools, transportation, and businesses. They also brought work skills and cultural traditions that shaped city life.
4	Give two reasons recent immigrants came to Texas and one way they influenced communities.	They came to join relatives, seek safety, attend school, or find work. They influenced communities through immigrant-owned businesses, commercial streets, language, art, music, holidays, ideas, or customs.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Families from another U.S. state move to a Texas town because a wind-energy company offers jobs. Their arrival increases enrollment at the local school and creates demand for more apartments. New residents may also open businesses or share traditions from their former community.

Accept realistic, clearly explained effects of migration on a Texas community. The response must include a reason for moving and two distinct community influences.