Texas History is a two-semester course that is aligned to Texas state standards. It is designed to promote active learning using interactive learning objects and strategies to engage students and support educators. Its chronological focus traces across twelve major eras of Texas history as outlined in the TEKS. Beginning with the history of Indigenous groups in the region prior to European contact, the course ends with contemporary issues of concern in twenty-first century Texas. In addition to providing historical content, the course supports the appropriate development of social studies skills such as identifying context and bias, interpreting maps and charts, avoiding plagiarism, and accurate citation of sources. It also meets students where they are, drawing from their personal experience to promote relevance of the content.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: Introduction to Texas History

- Natural Texas
- Using Tools and Understanding Context and Bias
- Celebrate Freedom Week
- Wrap-Up: Introduction to Texas History

Unit 2: Age of Contact

- Early Peoples of Texas
- Colonial Texas
- Mexican National Texas
- Wrap-Up: Age of Contact

Unit 3: Texas Republic and Early Statehood

- Road to Revolution
- The Republic of Texas
- Early Statehood
- Wrap-Up: Texas Republic and Early Statehood

Unit 4: Texas in the Civil War and Reconstruction

- The Civil War Era
- Reconstruction
- Ranching and Cowboy Culture
- Wrap-Up: Texas in the Civil War and Reconstruction

Unit 5: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

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Unit 6: Age of Oil and Reform

- Closing the Frontier
- Railroads and Oil
- Age of Reform
- Wrap-Up: Age of Oil and Reform

Unit 7: Texas in the 20th Century

- World War I and Beyond
- The Great Depression
- World War II
- Wrap-Up: Texas in the 20th Century

Unit 8: Social, Political, and Economic Change

- Civil Rights Movements and Equal Rights
- Political Conservatism
- Social and Economic Change
- Wrap-Up: Social, Political, and Economic Change

Unit 9: Contemporary Texas

- Texas's Economy Today
- Governing Texas
- Science, Technology, and Society
- Arts and Culture
- Wrap-Up: Contemporary Texas

Unit 10: Semester Wrap-Up

- Semester Wrap-Up

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