

"Texas Venture" Poster Project

Please answer the following questions BEFORE you begin working on your Poster (pp. 189-194):

1. Moses Austin received his grant from which country?

Spain

2. Why did Stephen F. Austin go to Mexico City after beginning his colony? [pp. 190, 192-193]

He traveled to Mexico City in 1822 to persuade the new Mexican government to relax restrictions on colonization in Texas

3. Where did Austin focus his attention in Texas? (Between which rivers?)

Coastal Plains between the Colorado and Brazos Rivers

4. This area is located in which geographic region of Texas? [Regions Notes (Pages 3-5)]

Gulf Coastal Plains

5. Describe the geography of Texas—land and climate—in the area explored by Austin. [Regions Notes]

This region has 48" average annual rainfall making a wide variety of vegetation plentiful. The area is a nearly level, drained plain dissected by rivers/streams flowing into estuaries and marshes. Sand, dunes, grasslands and salt marshes make up the areas near the coast. Rich soils support all farming. Includes forests.

6. List three reasons (at least) why people would want to move to Texas. [Chapter 8 (p. 199) + Regions Notes]

**Cheap Land: 12.5 cents/acre (vs. \$1.25/acre in U.S.) [10x less]
Rich Soils: Supports agriculture (growing crops & raising livestock)
Warm Climate: 48" annual rainfall & year-round growing season
Plenty of Water Resources: For farming & easy transportation**

7. What were the requirements (3) and cost of relocating to Texas?

To join Austin's colony, Mexican government required settlers to: (1) pledge their loyalty to Mexico & learn Spanish language & culture, (2) give up their rights as citizens of the United States (3) join the Roman Catholic Church. Cost: 12.5 cents/acre.

8. Finally, what is your "project name"? (Your First Name + Last Name Initial + "Austin")

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[Example: My project name would be "Curt B. Austin"]