

# Notes : Immigration / Migration to Texas (15)

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## The Causes of Immigration to Texas in the mid-1800s

<b>Statehood made Texas seem safer to immigrants (after 1847)</b> <b>[ PULL ]</b>	<b>Land was plentiful and cheap</b> <b>[ PULL ]</b>	<b>Events in Europe (wars and famine) led people to leave homeland</b> <b>[ PUSH ]</b>	<b>The Panic of 1837 led people to leave their debts behind</b> <b>[ PUSH ]</b>
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## Migrant Groups to Texas

 Please use Textbook (pp. 389-395) to identify the groups that settled in Texas.

Group Name [Came from where?]	Settled where? (Area / Town names)	Leader(s) (if any)	Occupations (What did they do?)
<b>Anglo Americans</b> [ U.S.   <u>Upper</u> South ]	<b>Eastern forests and Central Prairie</b>	<b>None</b>	<i>Small farmers, lumber (NOT slaveholders)</i>
<b>Anglo Americans</b> [ U.S.   <u>Lower</u> South ]	<b>Along coast (slaveholders) and Northeast TX</b>	<b>None</b>	<i>Slaveholders / plantations, cotton growers, small farmers</i>
<b>African Americans</b> [ U.S. and Africa ]	<b>East TX and Lower Brazos / Trinity Rivers (slaves)</b>	<b>William Goyens</b>	<i>Most were slaves on farms (cotton) Also: servants, craftspeople (1850 census: 60,000 total / 400 free African Americans)</i>
<b>Germans</b> [ <u>Germany</u> ]	<b>Central and Southeast TX (New Braunfels)</b>	<b>Johann Ernst, Prince Carl, and John Meusebach</b>	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers (Same tasks as in Europe)</i>
<b>French</b> [ <u>France</u> ]	<b>Central TX (Castroville)</b>	<b>Henri Castro</b>	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers (Same tasks as in Europe)</i>
<b>Poles</b> [ <u>Poland</u> ]	<b>Galveston and Southeast TX (Panna Maria)</b>	<b>Panna Maria: first Polish colony in U.S.</b>	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers (Same tasks as in Europe)</i>
<b>Irish</b> [ <u>Ireland</u> ]	<b>South TX (San Patricio, Refugio, and Copano)</b>	<b>William Kennedy</b>	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers (Same tasks as in Europe)</i>
<b>Norwegians</b> [ <u>Norway</u> ]	<b>North &amp; Central TX (Brownsboro)</b>	<b>John Nordboe Johan Reiersen</b>	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers (Same tasks as in Europe)</i>
<b>Czechs</b> [ <u>Czechoslovakia</u> ]	<b>Central TX (Waco / Praha)</b>	<b>Josef Lesikar</b>	<i>Farmers, craftspeople, merchants, shopkeepers (Same tasks as in Europe)</i>
<b>Mexicans</b> [ <u>Mexico</u> ]	<b>Throughout Texas / mostly in South TX (between RG &amp; NR)</b>	<b>Lorenzo de Zavala, Jose A. Navarro, Martín De León</b>	<i>Farmers, ranchers, craftspeople, merchants (Same tasks as in Mexico) (1850 census: 14,000)</i>