

Special Ed



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This unit was created with this guy in mind. He has autism and an intellectual disability. He is a non-reader, has a very short attention span, and struggles to sit still. With some support he is able to do this unit, and enjoys the challenge. He is my tester!!

Texas

for Special Education

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Special Needs for Special Kids



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Also included in this resource as separate files:

- Lesson plans
- Links and directions to digital activities
- PowerPoints **(these are the books in the lesson plan)**
- Voice recorded PowerPoint
- Activities in black and white

This unit contains 2 weeks of material in print and digital formats. I have included a detailed lesson plan to help you make the most of everything in this unit including how to add some group activities.

This unit comes in 2 separate files, one in color and one in black and white.

Texas Lesson Plan

Preparation

- Print out a vocabulary board for each student to use throughout unit
 - Laminate or place in page protector
- Book
 - Print out, laminate, and bind
 - Also available as a recorded PowerPoint and video in the directions for digital activities pdf
- Who am I activity cards
 - Print out a set of cards onto cardstock and laminate
 - Make one set for each student and one for the teacher to use
- Bingo cards
 - This unit comes with a set of Bingo cards.
 - They are in color and BW
 - Print on cardstock and laminate.
 - Suggestions for use included in unit.

Preassessment (do day 1 before starting lesson)

- Use the end of the unit assessment to assess what your students may already know.
- I cannot emphasize enough how important growth, this preassessment is so important

Teaching Tips

1. *Color Coding:* this is a really easy activity. Outline or color in an em the corresponding picture symbols task.
 - a. For more info, read more here <https://specialneedsforspecialkids/differentiation/>
 - b. I also have a blog post on diff <https://specialneedsforspecialkids/3-ways-easily-and-effectively/>
2. *Make you own copies of the activi* yesterday. For that reason:

Quick Look

Day	Activity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Circle map
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocab board activity • Id locations on map
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Who am I • Climate and Geography
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Who am I • Timeline
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Who am I • Close worksheet
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book

Day 9

Activity	Notes	Materials
Read or listen to the book: Texas week 2 (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read through the story, asking lots of questions • Continue to make connections between book and vocabulary board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book • Vocabulary board
Bingo (15 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See separate pdf for Bingo cards and directions • For different ways to play Bingo and use the cards go here: https://specialneedsforspecialkids.org/2022/01/31/10-ways-to-play-bingo-in-your-special-education-classroom/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo boards • markers
Writing Prompt activity review (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the writing prompt completed yesterday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity completed yesterday
Close worksheet (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the second close worksheet on Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Add color coding as needed ◦ Make connections to the book as necessary • NOTE: This is your first opportunity to assess students on a small part of the material and determine if any re-teaching will be needed prior to going on to week 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • worksheet • scissors • glue
Sharing (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each student reads their finished activity to the group using the communication method of their choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed activity • Communication devices

10 days

The lesson plans contain:

- Overall tips for teaching students with significant needs
- A quick look at what you will do each day
- Detailed instructions on how that day's lesson should run



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This unit comes with a vocabulary board.

Vocabulary boards are great for ALL students to assist with participation and engagement in group discussions.

Tips on how to use in the unit!!

(There are NO vocabulary cards in this unit.)

Northern Texas is located in Tornado Alley. This is an area in the central United States where tornados are more likely to occur. Texas actually gets more tornados every year than any other state.



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Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco, Texas in 1885 by Charles Alderton. Alderton was a pharmacist and liked the way the pharmacy smelled. So, he tried to come up with a drink flavor that would taste like all the fruit flavored syrups he used to mix up medications.

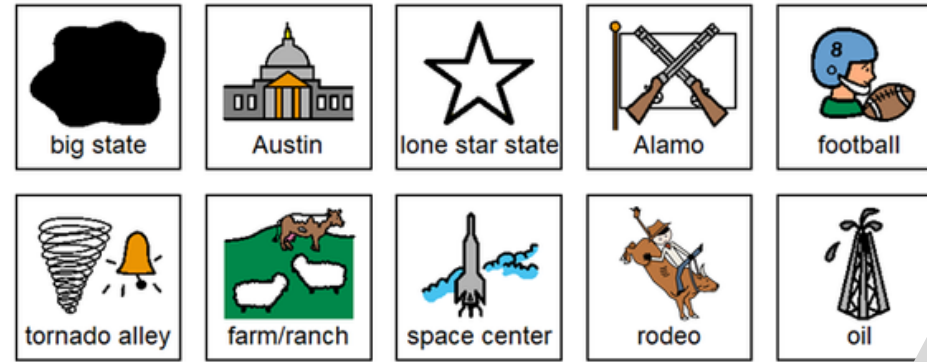


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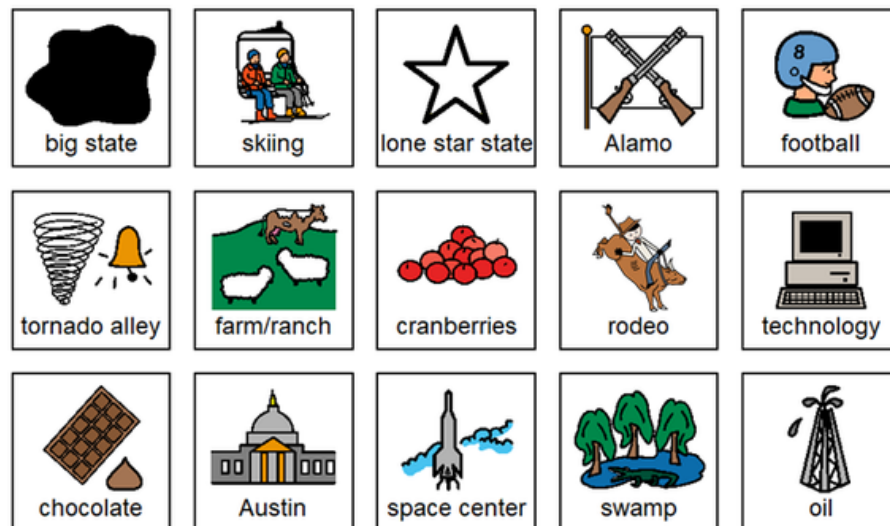
There are 2 books (one for each week) with simple text and engaging photos.

It comes in a PowerPoint version as well as an mp4 (movie) version.

Cut apart pictures and place in circle map about Texas.



Cut apart pictures and place in circle map **ONLY IF** they relate to Texas.



There is a circle map reviewing some main facts about Texas.

Circle maps are a great way for students to see the concept at a glance. There are 2 versions:

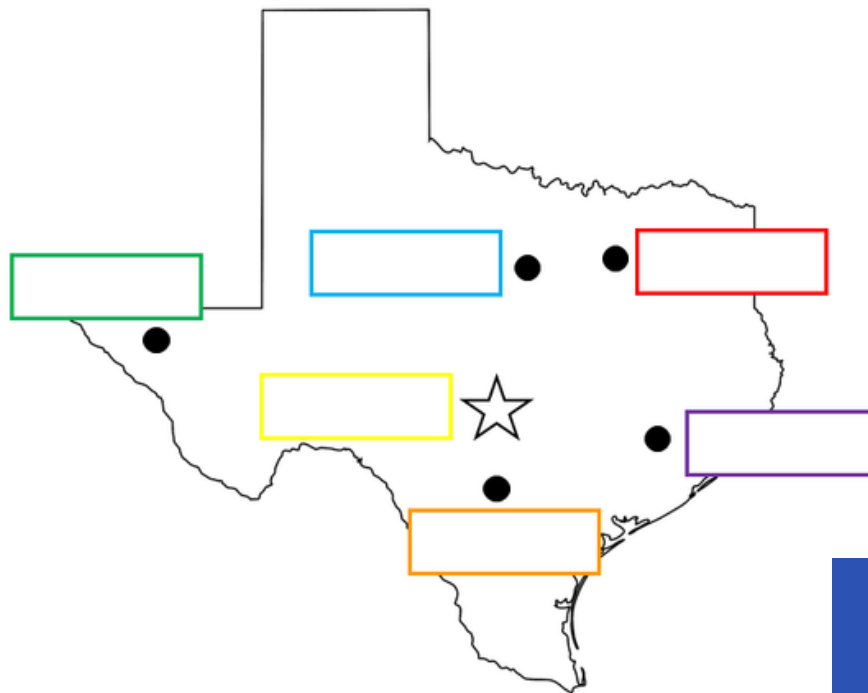
- One is errorless
- One has wrong answers mixed in students will have to set aside

Color in the states using the key.



- Texas dark blue
- New Mexico yellow
- Oklahoma red
- Louisiana orange
- Arkansas purple
- Gulf of Mexico light blue
- Mexico green

Label the cities in Texas using the labels.



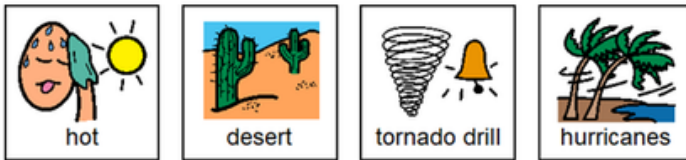
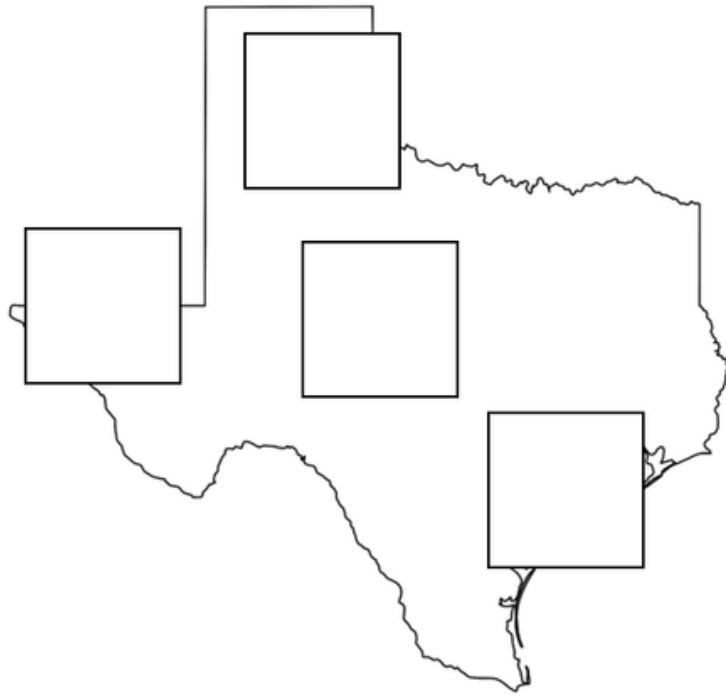
- Austin
- El Paso
- Forth Worth
- Dallas
- Houston
- San Antonio

differentiated

There are several maps to identify the state, surrounding states, and major cities.

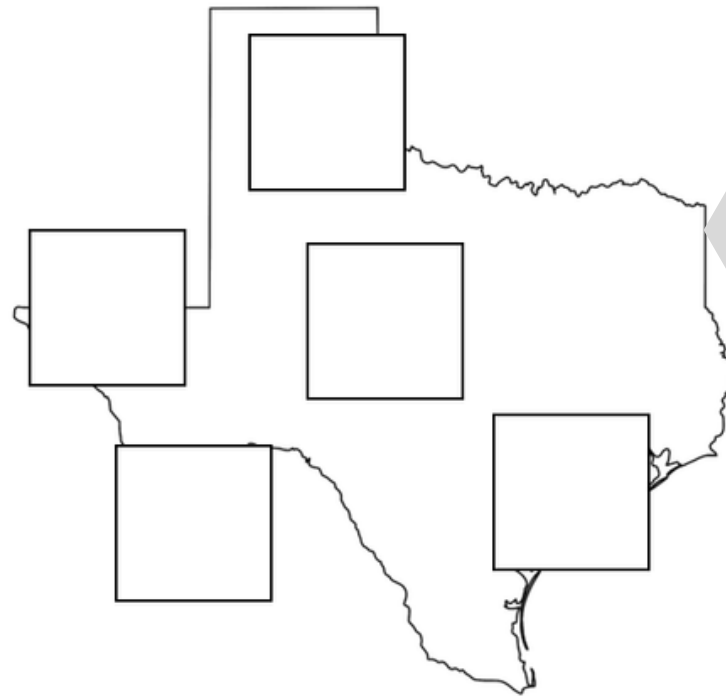
Differentiated versions are included.

What is the weather like in Texas?



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What is the geography like in Texas?



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Students will identify how the climate and geography change across the state.

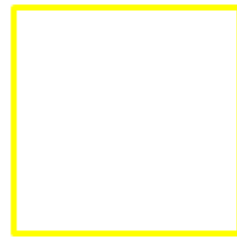
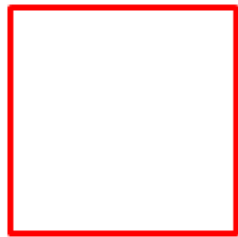
Texas History

1821

1835

1836

1845

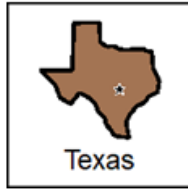


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Students will complete a timeline with the major events in the history of the state.

A differentiated version is included.

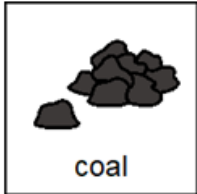
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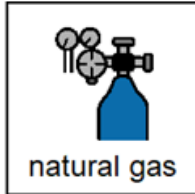
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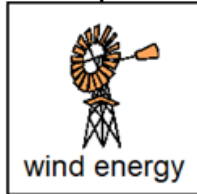
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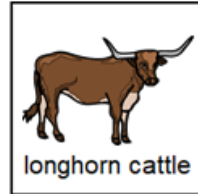
coal



natural gas



wind energy



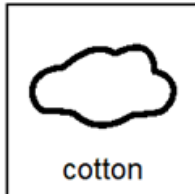
longhorn cattle



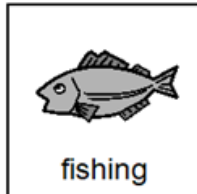
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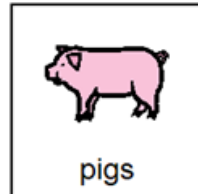
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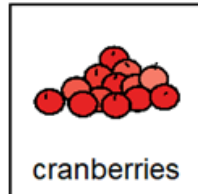
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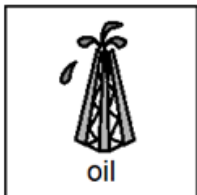
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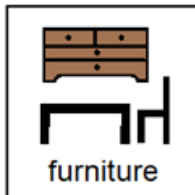
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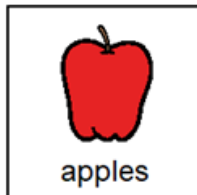
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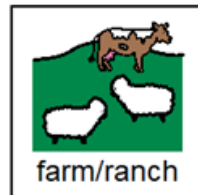
oil



furniture









apples





farm/ranch

Students will sort resources that do and do not come out of this state. These are covered in the books. Suggestions for differentiation are included.

What would you see at each landmark in Texas?

 Alamo	<input type="text"/>	 Geo Deck	<input type="text"/>
 Space Centre	<input type="text"/>	 Bracken cave	<input type="text"/>
 Big Bend Park	<input type="text"/>	 state fair	<input type="text"/>









Match the item to each landmark on the previous page.

 bat	 view of Dallas	 artifacts
 volcano	 space shuttle	 Big Tex

What is each person from Texas famous for?

Lyndon B. Johnson	<input type="text"/>	Nolan Ryan	<input type="text"/>
Beyonce	<input type="text"/>	Mathew Maconahay	<input type="text"/>
Steve Martin	<input type="text"/>	Kelly Clarkson	<input type="text"/>
Dwight Eisenhower	<input type="text"/>	Tom Landry	<input type="text"/>

Match what each person is famous for on the previous page.

 president	 movie star	 movie star	 football
 baseball	 singer	 president	 singer

Students will complete 2 matching activities that look at landmarks and famous people.

My trip

I traveled to Texas, so I went to see the

went with me.



We also went to see the

I got a

to remember my trip.



Visiting Texas made me feel

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 Space Centre	 State Fair	 Bracken Cave	 Geo Deck	 the
 parents	 grandparents	 best friend	 family	
 Big Bend Park	 rodeo	 Big Tex	 a football game	 moun
 scrapbook	 photo	 postcard	 keychain	 poster
 patriotic	 proud	 great	 thankful	 happy

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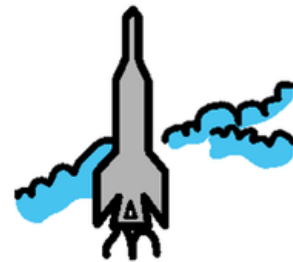
There is a writing prompt for students to write about taking a trip to see Texas. This is an errorless activity.

Who am I cards

- Give each student a set of Who am I cards
- Various options/ways to play, but the goal is to have students hold up the card you are talking about. Sometimes there can be more than one correct answer
- Things you can do:
 - Show a page from the book
 - Point to a symbol on the vocabulary board
 - Verbally describe something about one of the US landmark.
- Tell a story as though you were visiting that landmark.
 - What do you see?
 - Where are you standing?
 - What state are y
 - What other plan



Bracken Cave



Space Centre



the Alamo



Big Bend Park

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Group activity















There are large cards and directions for playing a "Who am I?" group activity.

Bingo cards



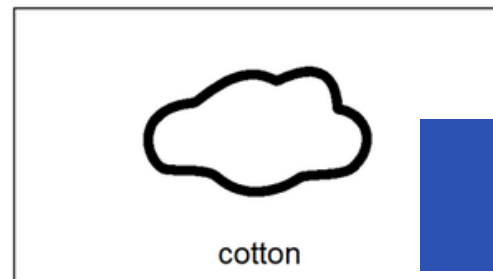
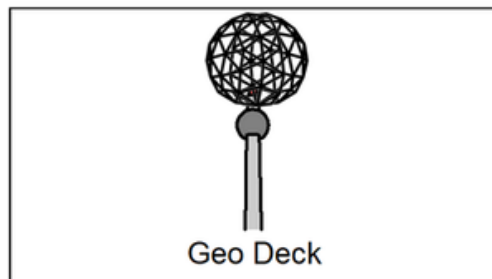
- Included are 10 Bingo cards in color and 10 Bingo cards in BW.
- Place the cards in page protectors or laminate for long term use.
- **Cut one board apart to use as calling cards.**
- This is a great way to practice the new vocabulary included in this unit.
- Cut apart a set of the vocabulary cards to use as the calling cards.
- Options:
 - Show students the picture for them to match
 - Read the definition and see if students can find the matching picture
 - Work as teams
 - Vary the "winning" patterns.
 - Cover all
 - Cover corners
 - Row across or down
 - Cover the edges
- Va

Texas

 wind energy	 Tornado alley	 oil	 Longhorn cattle
 rodeo	 Space Centre	 Alamo	 Bracken Cave
 Geo Deck	 ranch	 Lone Star State	 Austin
	 football	 Texas	

Group activity

There are 10 color and 10 black and white Bingo cards included plus 10 different ways to use them and play Bingo. There are calling cards included. This is a great way to review vocabulary.



Calling cards included

Texas

1. Texas is the biggest state.

2. is the capitol of Texas.

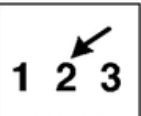
3. Three of Texas's borders are .

4. A battle for independence from Mexico occurred at .

5. Texas is part of , and there are sirens to warn people.



rivers



second



Tornado Alley



Austin



the Alamo

Texas

6. are raised here for their meat.

7. You will find more here than any other state.

8. The is in Houston. You can see the space shuttle launch from here.

9. The largest occurs in Houston every year.

10. presidents were born in Texas.



Space Centre



rodeo



ranches



two



Longhorn cattle

Close worksheets are a great informal assessment. This unit has one for each week. Suggestions for differentiation are included.

Answer key included.

1. What is the capitol of Texas?



Washington, D.C.



Dallas



Austin

2. What famous battle occurred in Texas?



Revolutionary War



the Alamo

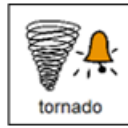


Civil War

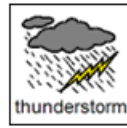
3. What **dangerous** type of weather often occurs in Texas?



earthquake

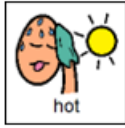


tornado



thunderstorm

4. What are the summers like in Texas?



hot



freezing

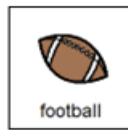


rainy

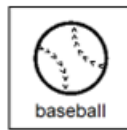
5. What sport, started by cowboys as a friendly competi famous in Texas?



rodeo



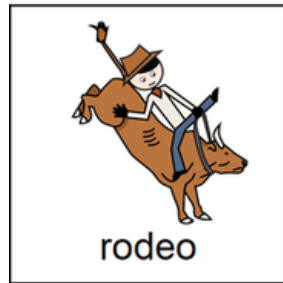
football



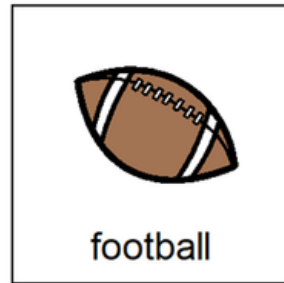
baseball

Print onto cardstock or mount on index cards. Cut pictures apart and show student answer choices for each question

Q 5



rodeo

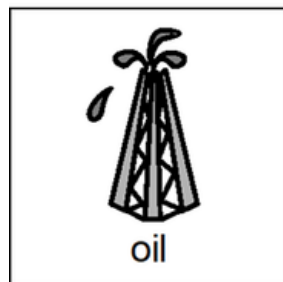


football

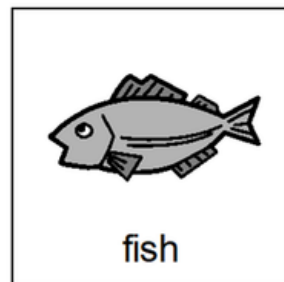


baseball

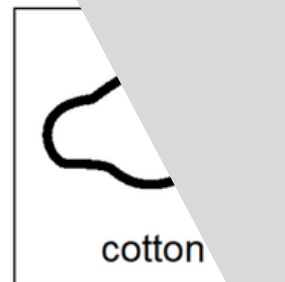
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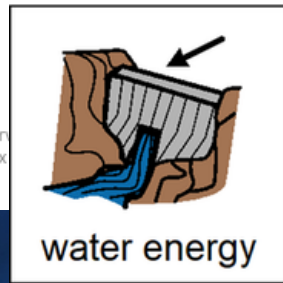
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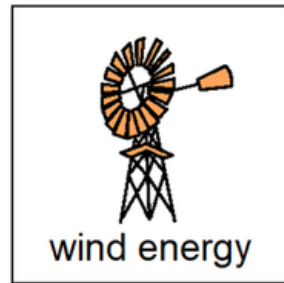
fish



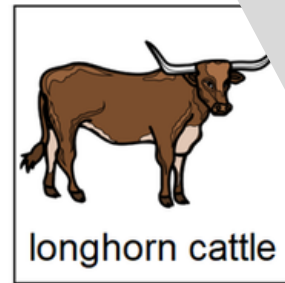
cotton



water energy



wind energy



longhorn cattle

FINALLY the assessment!! There are 3 versions.

- 10 questions with 3 picture choices for each question
- cut out the answer choices and glue them on index cards
- traditional multiple choice

Answer key included.





















Tex Mex Casserole



- Preparation
 - Print out ingredient labels and affix to ingredients prior to lesson
 - Depending on the learning level of your students you can either pre-measure the ingredients so they are just dumping in what is in the containers, **or**
 - Allow your students to measure out the correct amount (good for older students especially)
 - Review and address any food allergies
 - Depending on learning style of your students, either print a class copy of the recipe directions or make a copy for each student
 - *For students that are visually overwhelmed, cut apart the recipe and mount each step on a separate index card*
 - You will need access to a stove and an oven
 - **MODIFICATION:**
 - If you do not have access to a stove, or feel it is unsafe, brown the ground beef and vegetables at home and bring to school in containers to be added to the casserole.
- Directions
 - As a class assemble the casserole following the directions

Group activity

Assembly Directions

1. Brown 1 pound ground beef in pan
  
2. Add diced onion and pepper to the pan.
     
3. Mix in salsa
  
4. Mix in corn
  
5. Mix in cumin, salt and pepper
    

Included is a simple picture recipe for a Tex Mex Casserole. This will wrap up this 2 week unit.

TEXAS



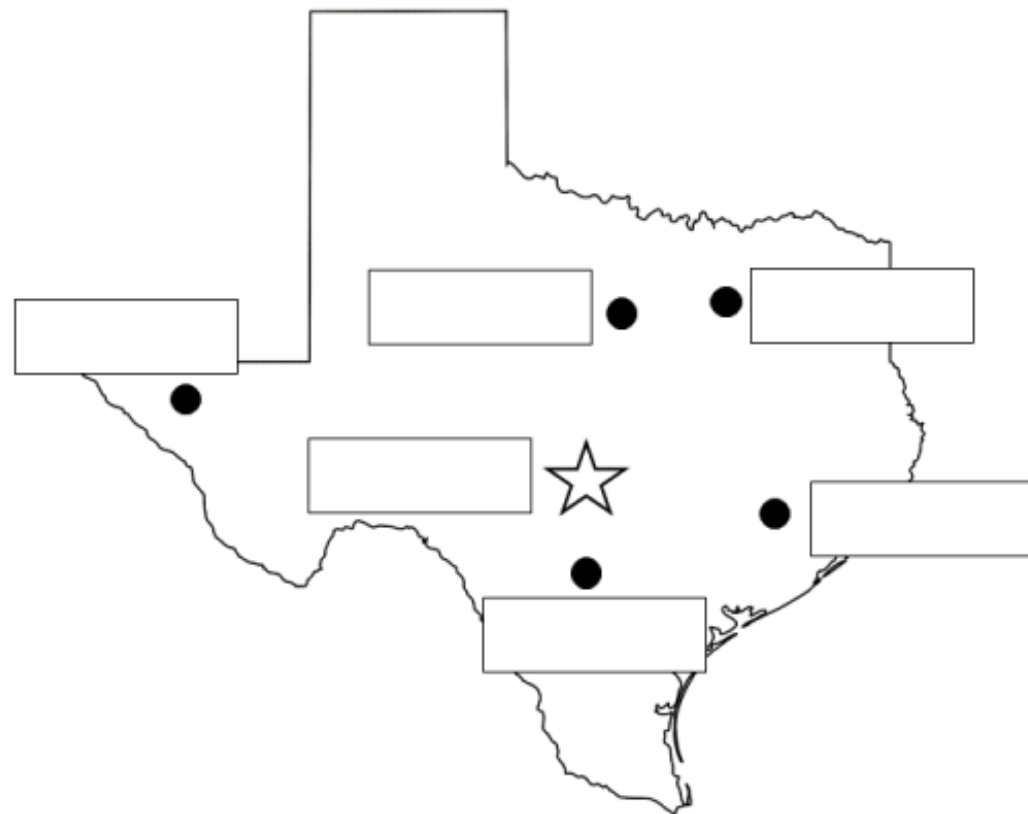
Week 2

By Chris

This unit also includes digital versions of the activities.

Students can watch a movie book version of the book rather than printing it out.

Great for review



Label the main cities in Texas.

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El Paso

Forth Worth

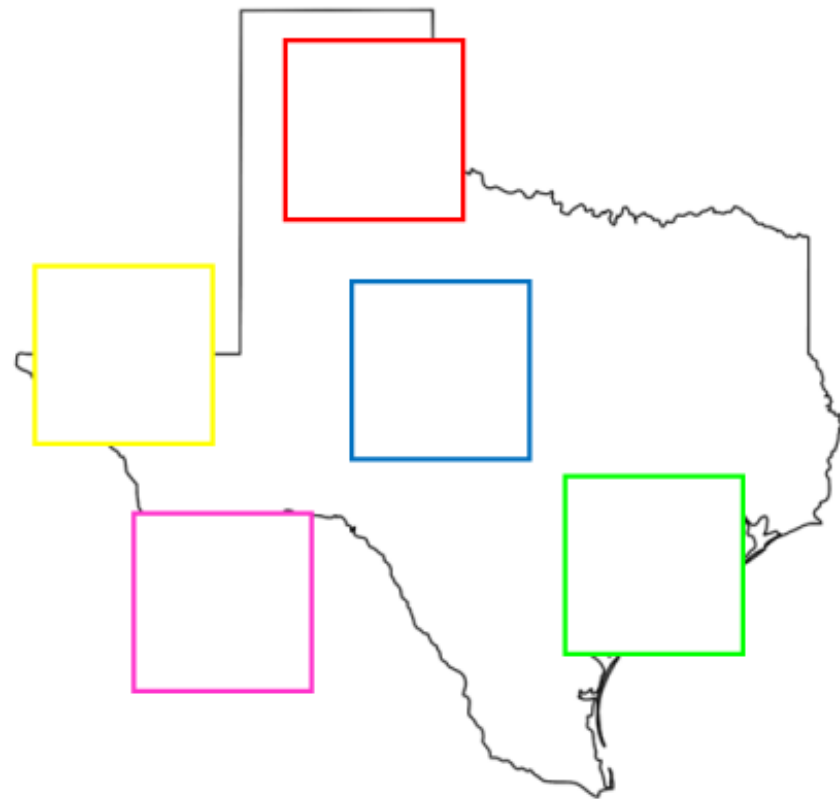
Dallas

Houston

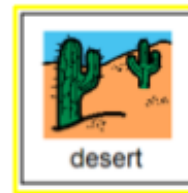
San Antonio

Each activity is set up so students can click and drag answers. No typing is required.

Perfect for every learning level



What is the geography like in different parts of Texas?



The second set of slides uses color for differentiation and extra support for students who may need it. Mix and match slides from both sets to make the perfect set for each student.

This resource comes in a zipped folder. You will need to unzip the folder to access all the contents which include:

- *10 days of lesson plans*
- *Texas activities in color*
- *Texas activities in black and white*
- *Voice-recorded PowerPoint show*
- *Texas books (PowerPoints) to use with activities*
- *Links and directions to digital activities*

Starting in August 2023, I am starting on a project to create a 2-week unit for each state.

I am doing these in order of popularity.

If you would like me to do a unit on your state, send me an email at specialneedsforspecialkids@gmail.com. I will add it to the list.

I do plan to complete all the states at a rate of 1 per week.