

1/23 session 2 Key

Texas Government SI: Texas History

1. What is public opinion?

What people (in this case, Texans) think about issues. There is more than one going on at the same time over many topics

2. Contrast the following:

Public Opinion	Political Culture
Never uniform More than one going on at the same time Changes frequently	Concrete, very difficult to change Fundamental, foundational beliefs

3. What are Texas's two types of political culture? Describe why each one is fitting for Texas.

- a. Individualistic: Texans do not trust the state and instead focus on individual rights and liberties

- b. Traditionalistic: Texas government operates very similarly to how it operated in 1845

4. When did slavery end (on paper) in Texas?

- a. Juneteenth (June 19, 1963)

5. Name the different groups/ countries that have settled in Texas.

Spain, France, Mexico, Texas Republic, United States, Confederate States, United States

6. In what year did Texas gain their independence from Mexico?

1836

7. In what year did Texas join the Union and what happened as a result?

1845, and it caused the Mexican American War

8. What was reconstruction?

A period of rebuilding the government and the infrastructure of the nation because of the widespread outbreak of violence due to the Civil War

- a. How did it affect Texas?

Texas experienced devastation in law and order due to the organized political violence against the African American community, but it did not experience much physical devastation

- a. Why was the South worse off than the North following the civil war?

Because not only did the South fight a war, but they fought a war and lost.

9. Why was Texas different from the rest of the South when it came to damages from the Civil War?

Because Texas is not the true south, it did not experience widespread devastation because very little of Civil War was actually fought in Texas

10. Why was Texas apart of the Republican party following the Civil War?

To ensure that Confederate supporters are out of the government

- a. In what year were the former confederates able to vote again?
1873
11. Who was Edmund Davis?
"Corrupt Yankee Traitor," radical Republican governor who was forced from office by threat of physical violence in 1874, signaling the end of reconstruction in Texas
12. In what year was the current Texas constitution written? (Constitutional Convention)
1875
13. In what year was the current Texas constitution ratified?
1876
14. What is the PUF Fund? Why is this important?
Permanent University Fund; Texas leases lands to oil and gas oil and gas companies and with the 'rent' money, the money goes to the UT and A&M systems
15. When was the PUF established?
1876

Match the year with the constitution

