

First Week Material

What is the “population hub” (triangle), which cities are incorporated in this, and why is it important?
Draw this out

All major cities are connected

Where is most of Texas’ population concentrated?

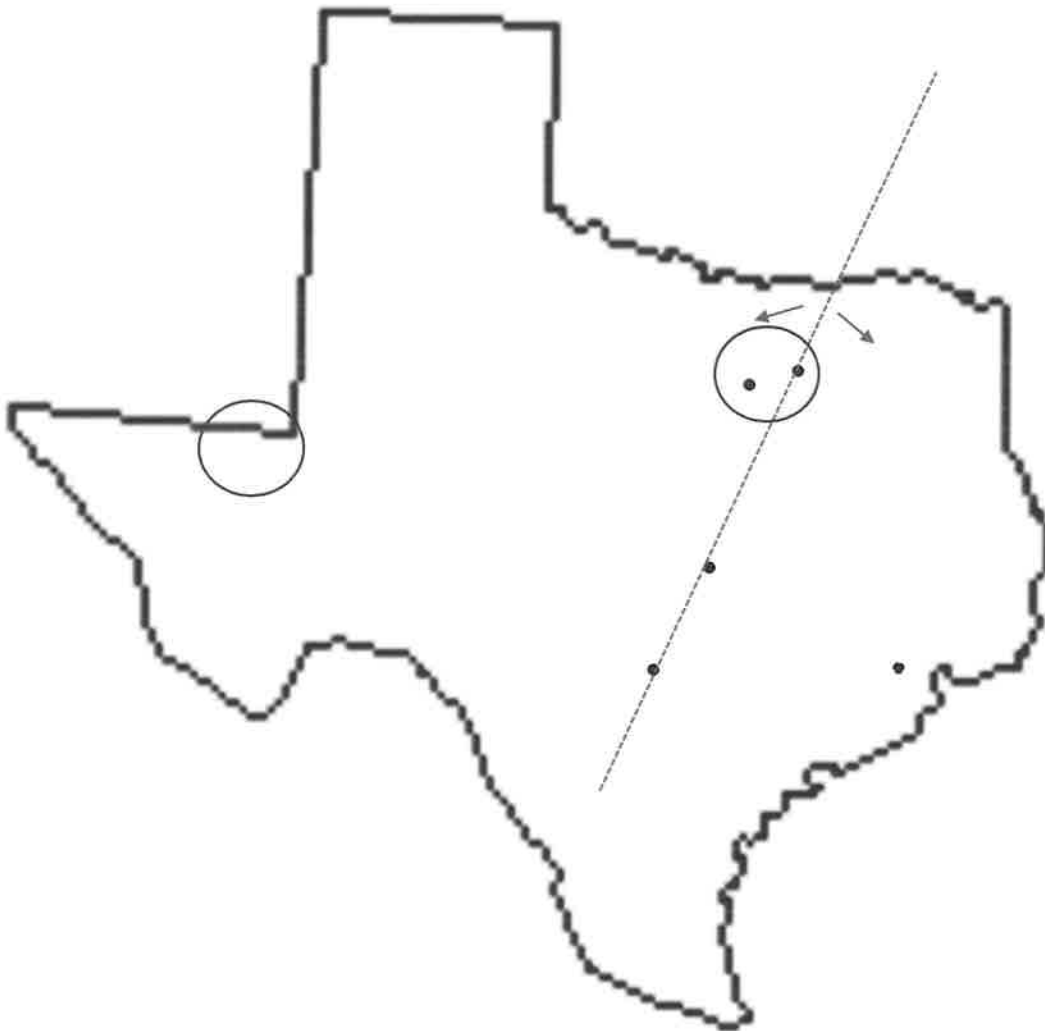
The triangle between Dallas, San Antonio and Houston

How do we tell East from West TX?

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Which side would you say has more people?

east side



List the major cities and their counties:

- Houston, Harris County
- Dallas, Dallas County
- San Antonio, Bexar County
- Austin, Travis County
- Fort Worth, Tarrant County

How many counties are there in total?

254

What is the smallest county?

Love

Which county is Stephenville located in?

Erath County

Why do the shapes and sizes of the counties in Texas differ in the East vs. the West?

The counties in the east were created based on transportation so they were shaped and sized based on the ability to get to and from the county center in a day on horseback. The counties in the west were not based on this idea so they were drawn based on straight lines

What is the purpose of counties?

Provide services such as county roads, emergency services, court systems, etc.

What is significant about politics in Travis County? What city is located here?

Travis county is the home to Austin, the capital of Texas. It is significant because Travis county is a democratic county that houses a Republican state government

What is the largest city in Texas? County? Why is this significant?

Houston, Harris, Significant because Houston/Harris County effectively controls a large portion of Texas politics

What is an MSA?

Metropolitan Statistical Area

What's the largest Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)?

DFW

What are the four largest cities in the DFW MSA?

Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie

What is the difference?

We calculate the MSA by how physically big the area is; the city is calculated by population

Why is it important to have a lot of people in one area?

More people means more power

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

When was the PUF established?

1876

What direction do Texas rivers flow?

Northwest to Southeast

Why is water a problematic topic in Texas?

Rivers flow into the ocean, many areas of Texas lack water

Where is most of the oil and gas industry located in Texas?

Premarin Basin in West Texas

True or False: Texans are expected to be uneducated.

What does it mean to be a majority minority state? Is Texas one?

A majority minority state means that there are more minorities in the population than any other. Texas is a majority minority state.

What type of political affiliation do rural areas have? Urban?

Rural areas are Republican/ conservative. Urban areas are Democratic/ liberal

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

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

In what year did Texas gain their independence from Mexico?

1836

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

1845, and it caused the Mexican American War

Wednesday Material

1. What is political culture?
broadly shared beliefs, values, and attitudes regarding how the government should function and how politics should operate
2. True or **False**: Political culture is limited to the political party that the state adheres to.
3. What are the three types of state political cultures?
moralistic, individualistic, and traditionalistic
4. What are some key features of a moralistic political culture?
politics are the concern of everyone, government is expected to promote the public good, people should pursue the public good by participating in politics and civic activities
5. What is an individualistic political culture?
a political culture that is centered in the belief that the government should limit its role to providing order in society so citizens can pursue their own economic interests
6. What is a traditionalistic political culture?
Political culture centered in the belief that the government should be rooted in traditions and should be led by political elites
7. What type of political culture does Texas have?
traditionalistic-individualistic political culture
8. What political party is Texas mainly dominated by, and how does it differ in urban areas?
Mainly dominated by the Republican party, but in urban areas, it is mainly Democratic