Please use your Social Studies Notes, as well as in class discussions and power points and textbook to complete this study guide. Your Social Studies Final Exam will cover most of the topics covered this second term. Completed study Guide is due 05/20/11

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1. What are the three branches of the Texas State Government?

Legislative

Executive

Judicial

1. Which document protects the rights and freedoms of Texas citizens?

Texas Constitution

1. List 3 purposes of the State constitution

outlines the branches of government

describes the powers of officials

protects the rights of citizens

1. Which branch of government makes the State Laws?

Legislative

1. Which branch of government interprets the State Laws?

Judicial

1. What does the term Separation of Powers mean? The work of government is divided into three branches. Each group has certain powers and keeps watch on each other.
2. Which branch of government includes the governor, lieutenant governor, state comptroller and railroad commissioner?

Executive

1. Why do we need checks and balances for the 3 branches of Government?

No one branch will have complete control of the government

1. How is the Texas Legislative Branch divided and how many members make up each division? Senate – 31members

House of Representatives - 150

1. Complete the chart

City Government - City

State government - state

Federal Government - nation

1. **What does a U.S. President and the Governor of a State have in common?**

Executive branch

1. Write 3 Facts about Barbara Jordan.

First African American in the Texas senate Served in the United States Congress - 6 yrs

She taught at the University of Texas Austin

1. What is the highest Court in the USA and in Texas? Supreme Court
2. Write the names of 3 major Texas Industries

Oil, Aerospace, Ranching

Computer Technology

1. Make a list of 6 leadership Qualities

perseverance honesty

determination integrity

responsible confident

1. Who is an immigrant? A person who comes into a country from somewhere else
2. Give an example of how discrimination works and explain why this is not acceptable. Discrimination is the unfair treatment of people because of their religion, language, race, birthplace, etc. for example being denied a job because you were from a minority group. This is unacceptable because it is illegal and unfair treatment of individuals.
3. **Write a definition for the following Terms**
4. **Juneteenth A holiday that celebrates the freedom of African American slaves**
5. **Entrepreneur a person who organizes and runs a business**
6. **Profit money left over in a business after all expenses have been paid**
7. **Import a product or good brought in from another country to be sold**
8. **Export a product or god shipped from one country to be sold in another**
9. **Black gold oil**
10. **Nonrenewable Resource a natural material that cannot be made again by nature or people**
11. **Renewable resource a natural material that can be made again by nature or people**
12. **Wildcatter a person who drills for undiscovered oil**
13. **Boom a time of fast economic growth**
14. **Bust a sudden end to a time of economic growth**
15. **Suffrage the right to vote**
16. **Great Depression hard economic times when many people lost savings, homes and jobs**
17. What are the inventions of the following people?

Why were their inventions important to Texas

**Gail Borden condensed milk**

**Joseph Glidden barbed wire**

1. Who was the 43rd President of the US and what was his relationship to the state of Texas? **George W. Bush. He was also Governor of Texas. He also resides in Texas.**
2. Who was the 36th President of the US and what was his relationship to the state of Texas? Hint: His wife, Lady Bird Johnson is famous for preservation of Texas wildflowers.

Lyndon B Johnson – Born in Texas,

United State Senator and Representative from Texas.

1. Write 3 facts about Justice Sonia Sotomayor. First Hispanic Supreme Court Justice

She was born and reared in New York

She is of Puerto Rican heritage

1. Write 3 facts about the American Civil War including the dates. The Civil War was fought between Union and Confederate States.

The US Civil War lasted from 1861 – 1865

Abraham Lincoln was president at the time of the Civil War

1. What is Reconstruction The years after the Civil war where Southerns had to rebuild their state government in order to rejoin the union.
2. Who were Buffalo Soldiers? This was a nickname given by Native American to African American soldiers who fought in the South.

Additional Sources

<http://www.slideshare.net/brknspidr/three-branches-of-government>

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