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TEXAS

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Some segments of this long and sweeping historical saga can be very useful to illustrate the revolt of Texas from Mexican rule as well as the political and economic motives for American expansion and ultimate annexation of Texas.

Introduction:

Stephen Austin attempts to recruit immigrants to Texas.

8:30

Jim Bowie gives reasons for going to Texas.

14:00

Texans become frustrated with the Mexican government.

22:00

McNabb converts to Catholicism.

28:00

Marriage of convenience between homesteaders.

35:40

Mexico restricts American immigration.

1:03:00

Sam Houston and Stephen Austin discuss the need for Texan independence.

1:08:00

Austin consents to war.

1:18:30

Houston explains why Washington will not help.

1:25:00

Santa Anna plans to destroy the Alamo.

1:38:00

Battle of the Alamo.

Segment: 0:00 – 40:00

This segment is adequate to provide visual support for the consideration of the motives for American expansion and ultimate annexation of Texas. Report topics can be organized to support the Seminar Questions.

Seminar Questioning Sequence:

How had the Missouri Compromise tried to solve the problem of slavery in the United States?

Why did many people feel that the annexation of Texas would extend and perpetuate slavery? Would the 'Cotton Kingdom' have extended itself naturally into Texas?

Would the developing Texas cattle industry more likely have promoted or prevented the extension of slavery?

What is Manifest Destiny? What role did it play in the annexation of Texas?

Why did the United States go to war with Mexico? Was the Mexican War a war of conquest in pursuit of American expansionism?

**Sam Houston
Stephen F. Austin
Antonio Lopez De Santa Anna
James Polk
John Slidell
Nicholas Trist
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
Manifest Destiny
19th Century cattle industry
Missouri Compromise
Texas Rangers
"Cotton Kingdom"**

<p>1:44:00</p> <p>Texas convention forms a legitimate government.</p> <p>1:47:00</p> <p>Houston is criticized for retreating.</p> <p>1:48:00</p> <p>The Battle of San Jacinto.</p> <p>1:58:45</p> <p>Santa Anna surrenders.</p> <p>2:02:00</p> <p>Houston is elected President of Texas.</p> <p>2:11:00</p> <p>Texas Rangers are created.</p> <p>2:25:30</p> <p>Waiting for the annexation of Texas after the election of Polk.</p>		
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