



SAM HOUSTON

After winning independence from Mexico in 1836 a new country is created, the Republic of Texas! President Sam Houston will have a tough job leading Texas and he needs advice on how to do this. Your team is among his most trusted advisors. President Houston has asked that your team identify **opportunities** that might benefit Texas and its citizens; and also identify **pitfalls** or things that might be harmful to Texas and its citizens so that he can govern effectively. The only available resource your team is a map of Texas

Fast Facts: It will be helpful to find some basic map information before you begin:

Title: _____ **Date:** _____ **Type of Map:** _____ **Is there a legend or key?**

Important Features: _____ **Interesting Features:** _____

Let's get to work!

Study the map carefully and find 5 things that might benefit Texas and its citizens (ex: a long coastline for shipping goods in and out of Texas) and list them under Opportunities. Next, study the map again and find 5 things that might be harmful to Texas and its citizens (ex: no frontier forts to protect settlers) and list them under Pitfalls

Opportunities

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Next, discuss the opportunities above with your team and pick three you think are most important and list them below. Explain how each would benefit Texas.



Pitfalls

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Next, discuss the pitfalls above with your team and pick three you think are most important and list them below. Explain how each would be harmful to Texas.



