Social Studies TEKS Alignment: K–4th Grade

The Museum’s Texas History Gallery consists of three floors of displayed artifacts that cover Texas history from the earliest American Indian tribes up to the space age. The content of the exhibits is divided into "chapters" of the Story of Texas that explore different eras and events.

First Floor - Chapters 1-4
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Second Floor - Chapters 5-8
On the second floor, students explore the story of how Texas became an independent nation and defined itself for the world in Building the Lone Star Identity.

Third Floor - Chapters 6-12
On the third floor students discover how Texans have persevered on the land and how they approached everything from drilling oil to redefining world technology in Creating Opportunity.

This document maps out the exhibit chapters and TEKS alignments for elementary school social studies. The TEKS alignments listed on the following pages are a small sampling of the potential curriculum tie-ins that can be achieved with self-guided exploration of the exhibits. Due to the cross-curricular nature of history and the plethora of artifacts on display, a field trip to the Museum has the possibility of hitting TEKS in multiple subject areas and any grade level. This document is intended to be used as a starting point for establishing curricular tie-ins for Museum field trips, but can be expanded through activities and worksheets.

If you would like to align your field trip to other subjects or grade levels not listed below, please email the Museum’s education department at Education@TheStoryofTexas.com for assistance.
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Chapter 5: Building the Lone Star Identity

Begins at the entrance to the Second Floor exhibits and stretches through Austin's jail cell to the Points of View panel.

**TEKS:**
Chapter 10: Resources and Climates
Progresses through the regions of Texas and discusses their characteristic resources and climates.

TEKS:

Chapter 11: Oil Changed Texas
Interprets the importance of oil from Spindle Top to the present day.

TEKS:

Chapter 12: Texas in the 20th Century and Beyond
Stretches from Texas's impact on World War II, through moments and people in the world of sports and music, and concludes with innovations in science and technology.

TEKS:

Chapter 9: Ranching and Cowboys
Stretches exhibits from cattle ranching through the Cowboy Theater.

TEKS: