

TEXAS HISTORY TOP TEN: Civil War

The Bullock Texas State History Museum's website is filled with artifacts, oral histories, highlights from curators, and interesting stories. The Texas History Top Ten tool is perfect if you only have a short amount of time, want a broad overview, or want to find hidden gems about a particular topic. Use this lists to help expand your content knowledge while planning classroom lessons for your students, or send your students on assignment to explore the Top Ten lists on their own.

Civil War

Texas seceded from the United States in 1861 to join the Confederacy. For the next four years Texans were a part of nearly every battle of the Civil War, while those left on the home front coped with war time realities.

1. [A Union soldier's belongings](#)
A kepi, trunk, cross belt plate, and portrait brought together by a collector
2. [Emancipation Day quilt](#)
A 21st century quilt celebrates Emancipation Day in Texas
3. [Five-pointed stars](#)
A collection of five-pointed stars- an emblem used by Texans going back to the Texas Revolution
4. [Sniper glasses](#)
Glasses worn by snipers during the Civil War
5. [Confederate soldier medals](#)
The only medals known to be presented to Confederate soldiers during the Civil War



Silver Star of a member of the 1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade. Image courtesy The Nau Civil War Collection, Houston



Sixth Plate Tintype Portrait of an Unidentified African American First Sergeant, United States Colored Troops - detail. Image courtesy The Nau Civil War Collection, Houston

6. [.44 caliber revolver](#)
Revolver manufactured by the Dance Brothers in Columbia, Texas
7. [Builder's plate from Civil War blockade ship](#)
Plate from the USS Hatteras which captured seven Confederate blockade runners
8. [\\$100 Confederate bill](#)
The \$100 bill featured Lucy Holcombe Pickens, the only woman to be featured on currency issued by a Confederate state.
9. [Civil War portraits](#)
For the first time, family members could look at a photograph of their soldier
10. [Civil War begins](#)
Select "1860-1865: Texas joined Confederacy; Civil War began"

Types of Resources

The Bullock Museum has a diversity of resources and voices to tell the many Stories of Texas. While using the Texas History Top Ten, explore a variety of tools:

Artifacts

Get an up-close look at the artifacts the Museum has displayed, and learn about their importance in Texas history. *View the full Artifact Gallery [here](#).*

Campfire Stories

Using the mosaic embedded in the Museum's floor, interact with Texans from the past gathered around a campfire to share their stories. Discover how people shape Texas's past and future. *View the mosaic [here](#).*

Special Exhibitions and Events

Explore some of the stories and artifacts from the Bullock Museum's past temporary exhibitions and special events focusing on unique aspects of Texas history. *View all past special exhibitions [here](#).*

Texas History Timeline

Use the interactive timeline tool to mix and match different events and stories to see how they line up in the chronology of Texas history. *View the full timeline [here](#).*

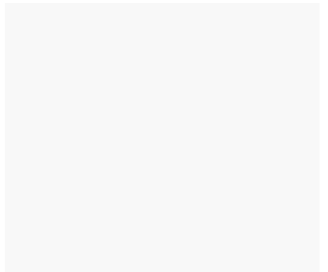
Texas Story Project

Read oral history stories submitted by diverse Texans about their connections to the past. The Texas Story Project is best for finding stories that you wouldn't find in textbooks, like family stories and Texas folklore, and are generally not written by professional historians. *View the full Texas Story Project [here](#).*

Assorted Resources

Watch videos or participate in an [interactive distance learning program](#).

New Top Ten lists will be added over time to round out the full scope of the Texas History curriculum, so keep returning to the [website](#) for updates. Looking for more resources on these topics beyond the Top Ten, or curious how other teachers have used what is found on these lists? [Email Education@TheStoryofTexas.com](mailto:Email.Education@TheStoryofTexas.com).



Discover the AT-6A "Texan" Airplane in the Artifact Gallery

