When did the story of Texas begin?

*Become Texas: Our Story Begins Here* explores more than 16,000 years on the land we now call Texas. Discover the people, places, and events that shaped the landscape prior to Mexican Independence in 1821.
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Texas History Galleries

Building the Lone Star Identity
Uncover the history of Texas's relationships with Mexico and the United States, and explore the stories that shaped the state as it moved through annexation, immigration, the economic and human cost of slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Texas Centennial.
Land, culture, and technology in Texas
Learn how various industries, technology, and scientific developments have shaped the state and continue to impact Texans today. Explore the iconic music, cinema, and sports that ignite the imaginations of the Lone Star State and beyond.