

*The State Fair of*  
**TEXAS**  
*Curriculum*

**LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE**  
**GRADE 7 SOCIAL STUDIES**

SHIPWRECKED!

DISCOVERING CULTURAL INFLUENCES IN A FEVERISH QUEST FOR FOOD



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### Recap

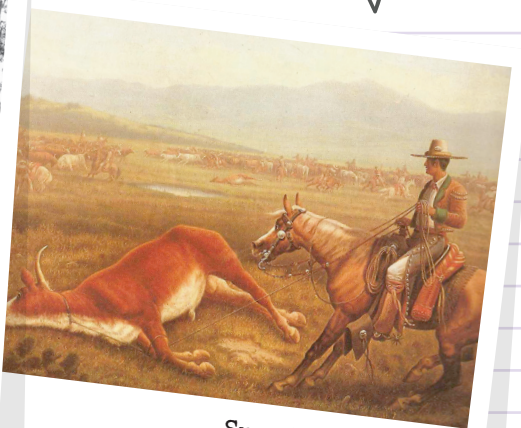
- ★ Review these documents from class:
  - \* Early Agriculture and Settlement
  - \* Spanish Ranchers
- ★ Recall the class discussion you had about these images:
- ★ Remember the lesson on the various cultures that brought and/or cultivated agriculture and livestock in Texas, and how Texas agriculture has been shaped by different cultural influences.



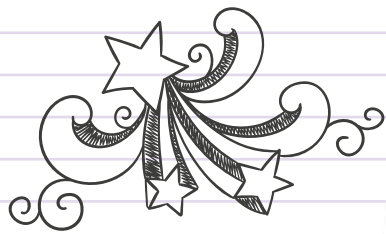
Cattle Drive



Early Agriculture



Spanish Ranchers (Vaqueros)



### Plan Your Route.

- ★ From the Texas Star, go around the back of the Cotton Bowl Stadium.
- ★ Find the Livestock Barns and explore.
- ★ Next, head down MLK Blvd. to Nimitz Dr. (Wave at the Woofus by the Swine Barn on the way!)
- ★ Turn Right onto Nimitz Dr. and go to the Food and Fiber Pavilion.
- ★ When finished there, head down to Big Tex's Barnyard near the Lagoon to learn about farming and agriculture.
- ★ Afterward, spend time exploring the fairgrounds.



# STUDENT EDITION

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### Optional Materials to Bring

- ★ Smart Phone, Tablet
- ★ Pencil & Notepad (or Sketchpad for Arts Connection)



### While You're There

You will use information you gather at the State Fair to help you with **TWO project goals**:

1. Convince your family to move to the State Fair.
2. Design a Book O' Food about the yummy stuff you ate while you were there.

Arrrrr, Ye Be Shipwrecked, Matey!

You have shipwrecked onto the Isle of The State Fair of Texas! You are hungry and need food! In order to eat, you must take pictures of the food available at the State Fair of Texas. Each food item must represent a cultural influence.

### Back at School

When you return to class following your State Fair visit, you will:

- ★ Create a presentation, pretending to convince your family to move to the Isle of State Fair, because of all the awesome food you found.
- ★ Design a Book O' Food in Art Class, detailing all the awesome food you found.
- ★ See your teachers for more information.

### CULTURES

- To remind you of the various cultures represented in Texas and how they influenced Texas culture, click [this link](#)

### ABSORB YOUR ENVIRONMENT

- There are so many cultural influences in Texas.
- How many different types of food do you see?
- In what ways is food influenced by different cultures?
- What would we eat if Spanish settlers hadn't brought ranching to Texas?
- How much has Texas food depended on the Early Agriculture of Native Americans?



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