



The State Fair of
TEXAS
Curriculum

BIG TEX
GRADE 6 SOCIAL STUDIES

GPS: THE MODERN LATITUDE & LONGITUDE
HOW MIGRATION INFLUENCES REGIONAL CHARACTER

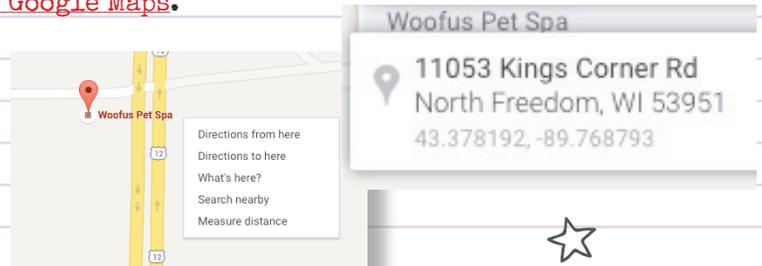




GPS: The Modern Latitude & Longitude How Migration Influences Regional Character

Recap

- ★ Recall the discussion on GPS, Latitude, and Longitude that you had in class.
- ★ Watch the [video](#) explaining how the Latitude/Longitude system works.
- ★ Review [how to find latitude and longitude using Google Maps](#).



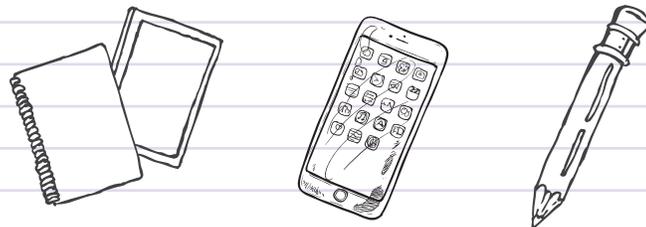
Plan Your Route.

- ★ Go directly to Big Tex Circle.



Materials to Bring

- ★ Smart Phone or Tablet
- ★ Pencil, Notepad, or Sketchbook



While you're There

You will use information you gather at the State Fair to help you with this school project:

- ★ Create a collage that represents the character of the State Fair of Texas.

To create the collage at school, the objectives of your visit are to:

1. Locate the exact coordinates of Big Tex.
2. Collect artifacts that represent Texas character, to use in your collage!





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THINGS TO DO

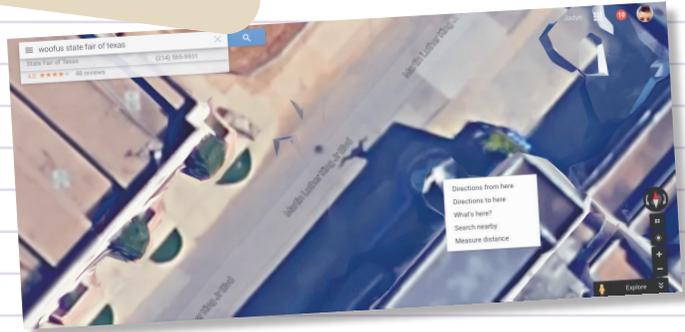
- Use **Google** to pinpoint the exact coordinates where Big Tex is standing.
- Observe Big Tex's stature, attire, and countenance.
- In other words, look at how tall he is, how he stands, what he's wearing, and what his face looks like, including the expression on his face.
- Do you have any feelings about Big Tex when you look at him?
- Do you think the artists who designed him want you to feel a certain way about him?
- What emotion do you think the artist would like you to feel about Big Tex? Why?
- Collect artifacts such as flyers, pamphlets, signs, or art that captures the character of The Texas State Fair.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

- Ponder the following questions as you observe and explore.
- Why do visitors associate Texas with cowboy culture?
- What shaped the character of the Lone Star State?
- Are stereotypes related to geography?
- Why is it important to determine the exact location of specific landmarks?

Back at School

When you return to class following your State Fair visit, you will work on your project. See your teachers for more information.



In this rare capture from GoogleMaps, you can see the shadow of Woofus, and the name of the Chief Editor of the State Fair of Texas Curriculum Project

NOTES

Big Tex's Coordinates

Latitude:

Longitude:

Notes on Big Tex's stature/attire/countenance:

Notes on feelings:

Notes on character & culture: