

*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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★ **GRADE:** *Seven* ★

★ **SOCIAL STUDIES** ★



### Shipwrecked! Discovering Cultural Influences in a Feverish Quest for Food



#### In this lesson students will:

- ★ Discover the various cultural influences on Texas food.
- ★ Create a presentation about how different cultures shaped Texas agriculture and livestock.
- ★ Study early Texas agriculture origins and cultural influences.
- ★ Create an artistic depiction of the foods found at the State Fair.

Have you ever wondered where your food comes from? Do the rest of Texans eat the same food as you? Why do you and your friends eat different or similar meals at home?

#### Before You Go

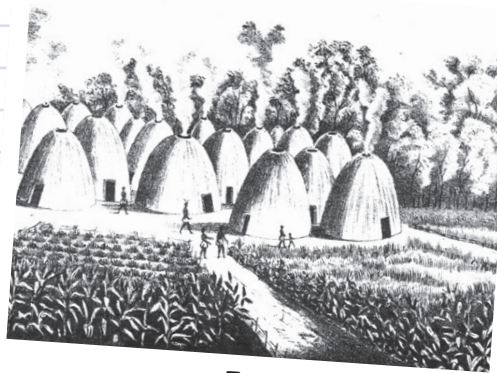
- ★ Students should discuss the various cultures that brought and/or cultivated agriculture and livestock in Texas.
- ★ In a group, students will read about Early Agriculture and Settlement, and Spanish Ranchers, and interpret images about the different cultural influences in Texas.
- ★ Consider the images on this page:
- ★ How has Texas agriculture been shaped by different cultural influences?

#### Standards

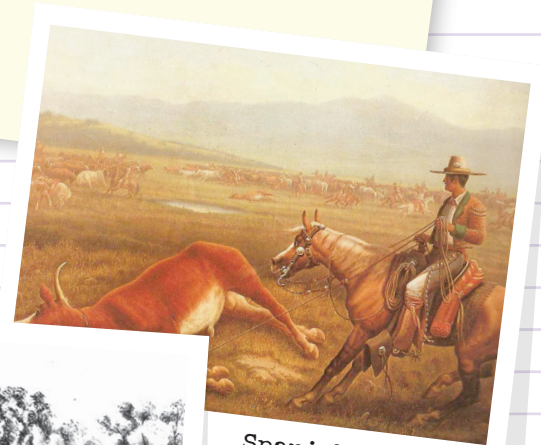
- ★ Social Studies TEKS: 7.8(A), 7.9(B) 7.19(C)
- ★ ELAR TEKS: 7.15(A), 7.17(D)
- ★ Art TEKS: 7.1(A), 7.1(B), 7.2(A), 7.2(B), 7.3(A), 7.3(B)



Cattle Drive



Early Agriculture



Spanish Ranchers (Vaqueros)



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### 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.
- ★ Afterwards, spend time exploring the fairgrounds.



### Optional Materials to Bring

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



### While You're There

Arrrr, 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.

### 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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### After the Fair

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

- ★ Imagine that you have settled down in Texas and want to send for your family. Again, the State Fair will represent Texas.
- ★ Using the Map of the State Fair of Texas found [here](#), mark the best places to find food.
- ★ Your family will need to be convinced of the vast amount of food that is available. Using iMovie, [Tellegami.com](http://Tellegami.com) or similar resources, visually represent the food you've seen, and send it to your family with the Map.
- ★ In your story, feel free to talk about the environment and cultural influences at the State Fair.
- ★ When finished, share your presentation with the class.
- ★ Bonus points if you do it all in Pirate Talk!
- ★ Extra bonus points if you work in how the Woofus tried to steal your booty!



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## Art Connection: Book O' Food



Create a book that contains colored images of the food you have found.

- ★ Think about the way you want to depict the food.
- ★ What would look appetizing to you?
- ★ You could create your images in a number of different styles, from cartoon to realistic.
- ★ Just keep in mind that you want the viewer to actually want to eat the foods!



"Cute Food" by Lots of Lowe - [lotsoflowe.deviantart.com](http://lotsoflowe.deviantart.com)