

Alphabetic Passport

The State Fair Guide to Geography's "Big 5"



QUEST 6 GEOGRAPHY

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS CURRICULUM

STUDENT EDITION

Recap
You will be going
to the State Fair
of Texas to find
evidence of global
influence (this'll be
easy)!

STATE FAIR MAP



Recall from your class discussions:

- ★ There are FIVE themes of geography: **location, place, region, movement and human-environment interaction.**
- ★ You should be able to list an example of each of the five themes.



Plan Your Route

To pick up a "stamp" for each letter of the alphabet in your State Fair of Texas Geography Passport, you'll want to consider your Fair Day choices across a range of categories – and, along with that, across a range of venues and vendors at the Fairgrounds.

★ Start at the Exhibit Halls.

- Here you'll find stunning examples of arts and crafts that are both uniquely Texan AND influenced by people and art forms from around the world.

★ Then, you can hit the Auto Zone to

take a look at cars that *hail from outside the U.S.*

★ Head to the SkyPorch to look at the foods we Texans love, and identify their global roots.



Optional Materials to Bring

- ★ Your "The State Fair of Texas: An Alphabetic Passport of Global Greatness!" chart
- ★ Pen or Pencil
- ★ Notebook or Paper
- ★ Smartphone or Tablet
- ★ A printed map of the State Fair of Texas, available online or at your gate of entry

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While You're There

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

1. Analyze the data you gathered, and write an essay about it.
2. Create an art piece on canvas that's representative of the Five Geographic Themes.
3. Design a multimedia presentation that incorporates your essay and photographs from today.

The objective of your visit TODAY is to find as many countries represented at the Fair, by as many letters of the alphabet as possible, and covering the Five Themes of Geography as equally as possible...all in one day...demonstrating the validity of the study of Geography in real life!

★**ALPHABETIC PASSPORT: "The State Fair of Texas: An Alphabetic Passport of Global Greatness!"** chart is made available for you to pick up observational "stamps" in your passport, letter by letter.

- o Your job? Working with a partner or a small group, observe and record your way through the Fair, identifying examples of exhibits, arts, crafts, foods, people, souvenirs - anything, really - that draw upon the five themes of geography!
- o The instructions are on the chart, but basically, use your camera and your "passport" to illustrate the importance of "where."
 - Try to cover the five themes as equally as you can
 - Agree on and record the theme that applies to each of your "finds."
- o Once you've collected your Fair Day data, tuck it away someplace safe and bring it to class for group discussion and analysis.



Back at School

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

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The State Fair of Texas: An Alphabetic Passport to Global Greatness!

Group Members:

Class Period:

1.	3.
2.	4.

Instructions

Today at the Fair, you'll be examining the geographic ABCs of Texas and its people.

- Working your way through the alphabet, find and fill out information below about exhibits, food, shows, and people that together illustrate the global origins of this state we call Texas.
- Then, using your smart phone or a camera, you and your group will photograph each of your items to illustrate your geographic guide to the State Fair.
- Find items for X and Z for bonus Extra Credit!

Letter	Item	Explanation/Observation	Geography Theme
Example	Water mill at the Old Mill Restaurant	Water mills originated in ancient Greece in the 3 rd century	Human-environment interaction
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
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X (bonus!)			
Y			
Z (bonus!)			