

# WORKSHEET: Questions after viewing Videos

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**Directions:** After viewing the video “Gone to Texas: The Story of the Texas Empresarios,”, respond to the following questions:

1. Name two Native Texas groups:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why did the Spanish and Mexican governments need people to settle Texas?

3. Who was Moses Austin, and why did he come to Texas?

4. What happened when Moses Austin went to San Antonio, Texas to become an empresario?  
Describe his experience.

5. Who was Stephen F. Austin, and why did he come to Texas?

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6. What river did Stephen F. Austin settle near, and why would he want to settle there?

7. What issues prevented Mexico from colonizing Texas with its own people?

8. In 1825, Mexico opened Texas up to colonization. Who were the empresarios, and what did they do?

9. List a few Texas empresarios that have counties named after them today.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Why would American settlers want to come to Texas?

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11. What did the Mexican government require of new Texas settlers? List three requirements and/or restrictions.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

12. How did changes in the Mexican government affect Stephen F. Austin's settlement plans?

13. Who were the "The Old Three Hundred?"

14. Why did empresarios Martín de León and Green Dewitt have a conflict?

15. Of all the Texas empresarios, only a few were successful, like Stephen F. Austin. Why was it difficult for many empresarios, and what problems did they face?

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16. By 1830, about how many former Americans lived in Mexican Texas?
17. Why were “the Texas colonies an unpredictable force” according to many Mexican officials in the 1830s? Explain.
18. How was Mexico generous toward its Texas settlers in the late 1820s?
19. What worried some Texas settlers during the empresario years?
20. On “April 6, 1830, Mexico closed Texas to future colonizers, and the days of the empresarios were over.” In your opinion, how might that have affected potential settlers?

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21. In your opinion, after five years of allowing thousands of settlers into Texas, was it too late for Mexico to stop future settlement of Texas and/or control them?

22. What happened in Texas in 1836 and why is it “another story for another day?”