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Titel:

Worksheet for applied geography

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Kurzvorstellung:

- This material presents an introduction to the U.S. states Florida, New York State, California, Texas and Nebraska. Each of these states was chosen in order to represent a specific region of North America. The material provides you with information about the flags, seals, mottos, nicknames, population, languages, climate, industry and curious facts about the culture of the states.
- A crossword puzzle, gap-filling task and question for discussion in class are also included.

Inhaltsübersicht:

- Summary of the nickname, motto, flag, seal, capital city, size, population, languages spoken, climate, political details of each state
- Curious facts about each country presented in the category „Did you know...?“
- Crossword Puzzle, Discussion question, gap filling text

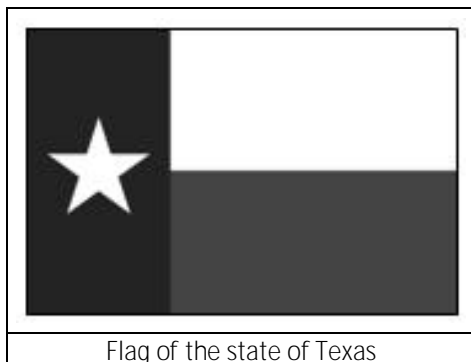
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The South: Texas – The Lone Star

The state Texas has the nickname “The Lone Star”. The star originates in the flag of the republic of Texas from 1836 and was taken over to the present state



Flag of the state of Texas

flag. The emblem of The Lone Star can also be found on the great seal, the state quarter¹ and is recognized as the state’s official gemstone cut. Another, more humorous nickname evolved from the huge cattle industry in Texas: “The Beef State”. However, this is not the official nickname. Additionally to the huge cattle industry, Texas makes a lot of money with tobacco and beverages.

Since 1930, the motto and somehow also the name of the state of Texas is Friendship. It is derived from the Spanish pronunciation “tejas” of the Caddo Indian phrase “teysha” which means “friend” or “ally”. The term “tejas” was originally used by Spanish explorers to refer to the friendly and peaceful Indian tribes which settled in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. Referring to the name of their state, today people refer to themselves as Texans.

Texas is the second most populous and second most extensive state in the U.S. The biggest city is Houston and the capital of Texas is Austin. Texas is subdivided into 507 counties spread over 268.581 sq mi (696.241 km²). About 23.214.000 of the 26.400.000 inhabitants live in the city and about 6.955.000 of the cumulate in the largest metropolis area Dallas Fort Worth-Arlington. Though Texas has no official language, English and Spanish are the most frequently spoken ones. This is due to the fact that roughly 11.493.000 people of the population are Anglos, about 3.032.000 Black and over 10.600.000 Hispanics.¹

The current constitution took effect in 1876. From 1836 till 1845, Texas was republic as a result of the Texas Revolution or Texas War of Independence. Though being part of the U.S. and therefore a democracy, Texas is the only state to still allow death penalty.



Texas on a political map.
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¹ 2012 census of Texas. See <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/popdat/ST2012.shtm>



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