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Appreciating a Beautiful Folk Tradition

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Quilt making has been around for centuries and is particularly associated with American folk art. Sam Houston undoubtedly slept under homemade quilts throughout his life. Today quilts are not only used for the practical purpose of staying warm, they are works of art taking a variety of forms; some with traditional patterns and some with artistic themes.



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Objective

Students will create a quilt using historical events, people, animals, and places from Texas.

Materials

- 10" x 10" squares of white paper or cloth
- Colored paper or fabric for background
- Glue/Fabric glue or needle and thread
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Fabric paint
- Fabric crayons or fabric markers for cloth
- Colored pencils
- Iron-on adhesive

Vocabulary

Symmetrical
Asymmetrical
Quilt

Assignment

List the places, people, animals, and events that the quilt will contain. Draw an image in the middle of the 10" x 10" piece of paper/cloth. Color as desired. Around the outside edge create a border that goes with the subject. When all the squares are complete, attach together by gluing or sewing. If a real quilt is being made choose a fabric for the back and sew the edges together. If the quilt is to hang, you can use iron-on adhesive.

Younger students may need simple subjects like the state symbols. Advanced students might be given specific people or events to illustrate. An example of this would be to have students draw portraits of the men and women who played a vital role in Texas' Independence, or illustrate the important events that lead up to Texas becoming a republic, then later becoming a state.

Variation: Students will create a quilt using the events, people, and accomplishments associated with Sam Houston.

4th Grade Social Studies TEKS

4.5 History
4.17 & 4.19 Citizenship
4.22, 4.23, & 4.24 Social Studies Skills

7th Grade Social Studies TEKS

7.1, 7.3, & 7.4 History
7.9 Geography
7.19 Culture
7.22 & 7.23 Social Studies Skills

Art TEKS

4th Grade

4.2 Creative Expression A&B
4.3 Historical A&C

7th Grade

7.2 Creative Expression B&C
7.3 Historical / Cultural A&B