

http://www.humanities-interactive.org/a_base_UD.html Humanities Interactive is a great site for background information for teachers of Texas History, as well as lesson plan ideas. Each topic includes “Exhibits in the Collection” that take the viewer to a gallery that includes digital artifacts, history and facts about the topic, learning activities and a teachers’ guide.

<http://kids.house.state.tx.us/kids.htm> Kids House: Where Texas Kids Meet the Texas State Government. This is a great site that has different levels of information for different grades: tenderfoots (grades 1-3), cowpokes (grades 4-6), and rangers (grades 7-8). Students can visit this site to find out who their state representative is, hear a message from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, learn about the different branches of the state government, watch a video tour of the capitol and more.

<http://www.lsjunction.com/> Lone Star Junction is a website about Texas and its history. There are photographs of Texas, songs of Texas and a database of over 10,000 Texans that lived during the Republic of Texas. The symbols of Texas are also found, with an audio of the mockingbird, the state bird of Texas. A Texas screensaver is available to be downloaded, too.

<http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/kidsstuff/kidssplash/kidssplash.htm> The Institute of Texan Cultures gives links, information and activities about many of the diverse cultures that have populated Texas. There is a tour of the Alamo and there is also information on Texas Heroes.

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/kids/> Texas Senate Kids is a great website that has activities and information for different ages. The “For Kids” section is for students 4th grade and higher, “Senate Jr.” is for grades 3 and lower, and there is also a Teachers/Parents section that includes lesson plans and activities. This website offers a virtual tour of the capitol, Texas songs, symbols, senators, games and activities. It can also be accessed in Spanish.

<http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/kids/index.html> Texas Beyond History for Kids is a great site produced by The University of Texas Austin. There are numerous topics to explore with photos, games, activities and other links. Students can make artifacts and even travel through time with Dr. Dirt, the armadillo archaeologist.

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/> The Portal to Texas History: Young Scholars Page consists of 16 different topics of Texas History that students may access, ranging from Architecture to Texas Landscape. This website uses digital pictures of primary sources of photographs, maps, and artifacts that are important in Texas History. It complies with TEKS standards to extend the curriculum for students and classroom teachers. There is also a section for educators that includes a MySpace page for Texas.

<http://www.texasindians.com/> This Texas Indians site is written for 4th through 8th graders and includes links to all of the Texas Indians so that students and teachers may gain information for the various tribes. Since it is written for this particular age of student, the

information is easy to understand and use. The site also includes pictures and activities for students and teachers.

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids/> Texas Parks and Wildlife provides this site that includes a section for children that has pictures and information about Texas symbols and regions of Texas. Games and activities are also provided in a fun, kid-friendly format. There is also a section for parents and teachers that includes lesson plans, activities and information about numerous topics relating to Texas. Educators may request “Loaner Trunks” that include posters, videos, curriculum, CDs and other items relating to certain topics. Web casts of Texas are also available on this site.

<http://www.texasranger.org/> The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum has a “Just for Kids” section that is filled with activities, Texas Ranger timelines, biographies of Texas Rangers, and information about how to become a Junior Texas Ranger with a badge. This site also includes virtual tours of artifacts and exhibits in the museum.