

¿Por qué Texas?

- When Mexico won independence from Spain in 1821, Texas became part of Mexico.
- The Mexican government allowed U.S. settlers onto the land. In 1836, the settlers declared independence from Mexico, creating an independent nation: The Republic of Texas. Texas became a state in 1845.
- Spanish is spoken throughout the state, even though the official language is English.
- 1200 mile border with Mexico formed by the Rio Grande.

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1. What is the official state fruit of Texas?
 2. Where does the name Big Bend National Park come from?
 3. What multicultural city is famous for **its Paseo del Río?**
 4. What port handles the largest amount of sea trade in the United States?
 5. Where in Texas is the cowboy tradition still strong?
1. Where is the fiberglass sculpture **Vaquero** found?
 2. What is a typical Texas food?
 3. When was the mission of San José built?
 4. What does the **Cinco de Mayo** commemorate?