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Experiencing Texas History



Frontier Explorers is one of the four major classes that our students attend while visiting the OEC. Students are “transported” back in time to the early 1800s to study the heritage and culture of early Texas settlers by experiencing daily life on the frontier. This lesson area is a great place to start thinking about how Texas, and the city of Houston, has changed throughout history.



Some of the activities that our students take part in include working in the garden, splitting wood, feeding and tending to the animals, investigating a replica cabin, riding a horse and carding wool!

A common practice for hauling water in the Southwest. Photo courtesy of the National Archives.



The [UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures](#) focuses on the many cultures of Texas, both in history and today. They have rotating exhibits, festivals and great resources for visitors and they provide an informative website, educational resources and distance [learning programs](#) for those individuals and educators not able to visit the San Antonio Location.

History around Houston

There are many places within Houston, and its' surrounding areas, to continue learning about how people lived in the past. Follow the links for more information on how to experience the Texas past!



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The [Sam Houston Memorial Museum](#) is located near us in Huntsville, Texas. Along with the museum itself, this site hosts many of the homes and artifacts that Sam Houston lived in and used during his storied life. There are many educational opportunities for the general public and student groups during the year.

[George Ranch Historical Park](#) – This 23,000+ acre living history site is located about 30 miles from Houston in Richmond, TX. They offer a wide array of events for the general public as well as school group programming.

[Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum](#) – Located in Houston, this museum holds many documents and artifacts important to early Texas history and provides an excellent educational resource for visitors. The museum is open for free on the 3rd weekend of each month. Check their website for hours, as they are limited. Private group tours are available via reservation.

[San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site](#) – Explore the grounds of one of the many important battle sites for Texas Independence. While onsite, visit the San Jacinto Museum of History, San Jacinto Monument and even the Battleship Texas!