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what part of the united states has been under the rule of six different countries the answer given the title of this book is obvious and perhaps that s why few places in america have citizens with such an inflamed pride for their homeland as john steinbeck famously wrote in travels with charley in search of america texas is a state of mind but i think it is more than that it is a mystique closely approximating a religion for all its enormous range of space climate and physical appearance and for all the internal squabbles contentions and strivings texas has a tight cohesiveness perhaps stronger than any other section of america it s not uncommon for the average texan to feel great pride for the mere fact of being a texan and even if also a proud american he she can even play with the notion that the lone star state can and perhaps should be a big nation itself to say that something is the size of texas expresses grandeur and impressiveness and its inhabitants have certainly displayed enough industriousness to make this part of north america one of the states that contribute most to the country s gross domestic product when various revolutions mostly forced the europeans out of the continent texas ceased to belong to spain and france to become a part of the mexican empire later it was an independent country and currently one of the 50 states of the united states during a short period rebellious texas again separated from the u s to join the confederate states of america with other secessionist states of course the most important war of all for texas came in the early 19th century and the common story heard in america is about rebellion against intolerance oppression and mexican cruelty the battle of the alamo in particular surrounded by legend and testimonies of heroism is a textbook example of the fight for freedom comparable to the jewish defenders during the roman siege at masada the words martyrs and mexican tyranny are almost always present in the recounts and remember the alamo is both a slogan of self glorification and martyrdom that remains one of the most famous phrases in america naturally this typical account is portrayed through rose colored glasses as in every story everything depends on which side readers are positioned and whose histories they re reading the texas revolution certainly pursued freedom but not for the tired poor and huddled masses yearning to breathe free the homeless or the wretched refuse of alien shores it was rather the freedom to suck in land from a weak

country and to preserve slavery in the cotton fields added to enthusiasm for cheap land and inexhaustible natural resources texians did not live under a tyranny and the settlers were not enslaved by anyone on the contrary they had been given cheap or free land and every assistance to settle nor was the mexican army the evil force whose sole purpose was in the words of the time to enforce barbarism and despotism of the hispanic american hybrid race and the black race against civilization pacheco 1997 as arnoldo de león noted the texans never experienced oppression like that of the others who have risen in rebellion the mexican government was thousands of miles away unable to pay attention to what was transpiring in texas texan settlers most of them peaceful and hard working families did what any human group in search of better opportunities would have done at the sight of uninhabited and unsupervised territories enter settle in them work and defend what they achieved for its part mexico reacted as any country would if foreign armed rebels invaded its territory expel them or appease them however during the texas revolution and to date the memory of that rebellion is often romanticized the war for independence that took place was the prelude to a more extensive destructive and bloody one

author edward l miller has delved into previously unused or overlooked papers housed in new orleans to reconstruct a chain of events that set the crescent city in many ways at the center of the texian fight for independence not only did now orleans business interests send money and men to texas in exchange for promises of land but they also provided newspaper coverage that set the scene for later american annexation of the young republic book jacket

historically wars and revolutions have offered politically and socially disadvantaged people the opportunity to contribute to the nation or cause in exchange for future expanded rights although shorter than most conflicts the texas revolution nonetheless profoundly affected not only the leaders and armies but the survivors especially women who endured those tumultuous events and whose lives were altered by the accompanying political social and economic changes

most americans are aware that texas gained its independence from santa annas mexico in the 1840s mention of

the alamo evokes the familiar names of heroes like davy crockett jim bowie and william travis all too often another group of heroes heroines and patriots who fought and died for the independence of texas is overlooked the sacrifices bravery and valor of that group the tejanos texans of hispanic ancestry are the focus of the texas revolution tejano heroes it was not just at famous battles such as agua dulce bexar goliad the alamo and san jacinto that tejanos made their mark on texas history often giving their lives and fortunes long before the arrival of stephen f austin and settlers from the east tejanos were fighting for the independence of tejas or texas the first declaration of texas independence from spain was issued in april 1813 by bernardo guiterrez de lara the first and bloodiest battle for texas independence was fought at the battle of the medina in august 1813 the first formal list of grievances against the mexican government was issued by several tejanos including juan seguin and gaspar abrego de flores in october 1834 recognition of the courage abilities and endurance of tejanos as major emancipators in the texas revolution is long overdue hence this book

remember the alamo is a phrase that is woven into the american consciousness but what do most people really remember about the alamo much of the true story has been shrouded in myth for over 150 years this comprehensive encyclopedia provides thorough coverage for people places events and issues spanning the pre revolution period and settlement of texas by americans to the forming of the republic in 1836 when appropriate a mini chronology supplements the entry placing the discussion in context a day by day account details the thirteen day famous siege entries cover major players such as santa anna jim bowie and david crockett and provide biographies from obscure sources in some cases of every alamo defender killed in the battle american and mexican resources have been used to assure a well rounded picture of often misunderstood events maps and an extensive bibliography complement the text

discusses the rising tensions between american colonists in mexican texas and the mexican president santa anna that led to the texas revolution which led to the creation of the independent republic of texas in 1836

this narrative history describes the events preceding and the prosecution of the texas revolution and the u s mexican war it begins with the introduction of the empresario system in mexico in 1823 a system of land

distribution to american farmers and ranchers in an attempt to strengthen the postwar economy following mexico's independence from spain once welcomed as fellow countrymen the new settlers homesteading on land destined to be called texas were viewed as enemies when in 1835 they revolted against the government's harsh centralist rulings winning independence from mexico and recognition from the united states as the independent republic of texas only intensified the mexican refusal to accept their loss of texas as legitimate the final straw for both sides came when texas was granted u.s. statehood and 11 american soldiers were ambushed and murdered as a result congress declared war on mexico a bloody conflict that resulted in the u.s. gain of 525 000 square miles

when texian leaders began making plans for texas to become a country they gathered in a place known as washington on the brazos on march 2 1836 they issued the texas declaration of independence it stated that texas was no longer a part of mexico find out more in the texas revolution a title in the building our nation series building our nation is a series of av2 media enhanced books a unique book code printed on page 2 unlocks multimedia content these books come alive with video audio weblinks slideshows activities hands on experiments and much more

in the middle of the 1830s texans fought against the mexican government for its independence during the texas revolution many leaders emerged such as sam houston lorenzo de zavalaga william travis francita alavez sidney sherman susanna dickinson james bowie and juan seguin this captivating biography allows readers to learn about the incredible accomplishments of these people and what they did to make an impact on the texas revolution featuring alluring images engaging facts and sidebars supportive text and a glossary and index this book will have readers eager to learn more this 6 pack includes six copies of this title and a lesson plan

in 1833 american and tejano colonists wanted independence from the mexican government through a bloody texas revolution the independent republic of texas was born readers will be enthralled as they make their way through this exciting and compelling book that uses vivid images intriguing facts and sidebars in conjunction with easy to read text and an accessible glossary and index to enlighten readers about such things as the law of

april 6 1830 the battle of gonzalez siege of bexar the consultation and the alamo along with these highlights of the texas revolution this book also includes features on santa anna stephen austin and sam houston to give children a well rounded introduction to texas history this 6 pack includes six copies of this title and a lesson plan

james walker fannin illegitimate son southern gentleman failed businessman devoted family man illegal slave trader courageous martyr tarnished hero of the revolution but what is the rest of the story author gary brown brings to life a thorough and insightful analysis of this controversial and sometimes misunderstood historical figure whom most remember as the commander who lost twice as many men as were killed at the alamo and san jacinto combined now the story can be completely examined with the help of all fannin's known correspondence during the campaign at goliad read and judge for yourself if history has been fair to james walker fannin

a texas historian presents a vividly detailed account of the 1835-36 battle for independence shining new light on the experiences of tejano rebels in the 1820s and 30s thousands of settlers from the united states migrated to mexican texas lured by mexico's promise of freedom but when president antonio lopez de santa anna came to power he discarded the constitution and established a new centralized government in 1835 and 36 mexican born tejanos and anglo born texans fought side by side to defend their rights against this authoritarian power grab after santa anna silenced dissent across mexico texas emerged as the lone province to gain independence offering a unique study of the role the mexican born revolutionaries played in texas's battle for independence this account examines mexico from the fifteenth century through the birth of the sovereign nation of texas in 1836 drawing heavily on first person accounts this detailed history sheds light on the stories and experiences of tejanos and texans who endured the fight for liberty enhanced by maps and illustrations handcrafted by the author this volume contributes an important perspective to the ongoing scholarship and debate surrounding the alamo generation of the 1830s

the first comprehensive history and analysis of the siege of b  xar in early nineteenth century texas while the battles of 1836 the alamo goliad and san jacinto are well known moments in the texas revolution the battle for

béxar in the fall of 1835 is often overlooked yet this lengthy siege which culminated in a texan victory in december 1835 set the stage for those famous events and for the later revolutionary careers of sam houston james bowie and james w fannin drawing on extensive research and on site study around san antonio alwyn barr completely maps the ebbs and flows of the béxar campaign for the first time he studies the composition of the two armies and finds that they were well matched in numbers and fighting experience revising a common belief that the texans defeated a force four times larger he analyzes the tactics of various officers revealing how ambition and revolutionary politics sometimes influenced the texas army as much as military strategy and he sheds new light on the roles of the texan and mexican commanders stephen f austin and martín perfecto de cos as this excellent military history makes clear to the famous rallying cry remember the alamo remember goliad should be added and don t forget san antonio will most likely remain for some time the standard work on this battle outstanding scholarship and research are reflected in the book including on site study of the locale this is an important military history and as such it should be in all texana collections review of texas books this is a significant contribution to the study of texas history texans in revolt will be the standard work on this campaign ralph a wooster associate vice president and regents professor lamar university

when various revolutions mostly forced the europeans out of the continent texas ceased to belong to spain and france to become a part of the mexican empire later it was an independent country and currently one of the 50 states of the united states during a short period rebellious texas again separated from the u s to join the confederate states of america with other secessionist states of course the most important war of all for texas came in the early 19th century and the common story heard in america is about rebellion against intolerance oppression and mexican cruelty the battle of the alamo in particular surrounded by legend and testimonies of heroism is a textbook example of the fight for freedom comparable to the jewish defenders during the roman siege at masada the words martyrs and mexican tyranny are almost always present in the recounts and remember the alamo is both a slogan of self glorification and martyrdom that remains one of the most famous phrases in america naturally this typical account is portrayed through rose colored glasses as in every story everything depends on which side readers are positioned and whose histories they re reading the texas

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the texas revolution was a defining moment not only for texas but also for the united states readers will learn about the events that led up to the war for independence from mexico as well as the far reaching effects of the war biographical sidebars highlight key figures and timelines compare what was happening in the united states to the dramatic events of the texas revolution

discovering texas history is a historiographical reference book that will be invaluable to teachers students and researchers of texas history chapter authors are familiar names in texas history circles a who's who of high profile historians conceived as a follow up to the award winning but increasingly dated a guide the history of texas 1988 discovering texas history focuses on the major trends in the study of texas history since 1990 in part one topical essays address significant historical themes from race and gender to the arts and urban history in part two chronological essays cover the full span of texas historiography from the spanish era to the modern day in each case the goal is to analyze and summarize the subjects that have captured the attention of professional historians so that discovering texas history will take its place as the standard work on the history of texas history

the new orleans greys were a group of young men out for the adventure and money to be gained from war this book details the importance of their participation in the battle of the alamo as well as several other battles in the rebellion of 1835 historian brown has taken some little known history and created a fascinating and well crafted story for the mainstream reader

the first complete history of the nineteenth century revolt drawing on original texan and mexican sources and on site inspections of almost every battlefield hardly were the last shots fired at the alamo before the texas revolution entered the realm of myth and controversy french visitor frederic gaillardet called it a texian iliad in 1839 while american theodore sedgwick pronounced the war and its resulting legends almost burlesque in this highly readable history stephen l hardin discovers more than a little truth in both of those views drawing on many original texan and mexican sources and on site inspections of almost every battlefield he offers the first complete military history of the revolution from the war's opening in the come and take it incident at gonzales to the capture of general santa anna at san jacinto hardin clearly describes the strategy and tactics of each side

his research yields new knowledge of the actions of famous texan and mexican leaders as well as fascinating descriptions of battle and camp life from the ordinary soldier s point of view this award winning book belongs on the bookshelf of everyone interested in texas or military history winner t r fehrenbach book award texas historical commission summerfield g roberts award sons of the republic of texas honorable mention certificate of commendation american association for state and local history in texian iliad you smell the smoke of battle texas monthly hardin has succeeded admirably in writing a balanced military history of the revolution making an important contribution to the extensive body of work on the struggle that eventually led to texas becoming part of the united states austin american statesman i look forward to consulting this book for the rest of my career david j weber robert and nancy dedman professor of history southern methodist university

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certificate of commendation american association for state and local history 1994 t r fehrenbach book award texas historical commission 1992 san antonio conservation society citation 1993 dramatic historical events have frequently provided subject matter for artists particularly in pre twentieth century texas where works portraying historical often legendary events and individuals predominated until now however these paintings of texas history have never received the kind of study given to historical fictional and film versions of the same events painting texas history to 1900 fills this gap with an interdisciplinary approach that explores these paintings both as works of art and as historical documents the author examines the works of more than forty artists including henry mcardle theodore gentilz robert onderdonk william huddle frederic remington friedrich richard petri arthur t lee seth eastman sarah hardinge frank reagh w g m samuel carl g von iwonski and julius stockfleth he places each work within its historical and cultural context to show why such subject matter was chosen why it was depicted in a particular way and why such a depiction gained popular acceptance for example paintings of heroic events of the texas revolution were especially popular in the years following the civil war when in ratcliffe s view texans needed such images to assuage the loss of the war and the humiliation of reconstruction though the paintings cut across traditional art history categories from the pictographs of early historic indians to

European inspired oil paintings they are bound together by their artists' intent for them to function as historically evocative documents with their visual narratives of events that characterized all of America's westward expansion: Indian encounters, military battles, farming, ranching, surveying, and the closing of the frontier. These works add an important chapter to the story of the American West.

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