

**TEXAS HISTORY
HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT
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History is all around us. Somehow, our "life in the fast lane" living manages to bypass most of it and we rarely realize that what we see on the land today was seen in different ways by different people in the past. Very few people, for instance, know or care that where our building sits there was once a barn and that most of the parking lot was once the largest drive-in movie theater between Houston and Waco. These things don't make a whole lot of difference unless you and your family have memories tied up in them but they indicate that there IS history all around us.

This project is a scavenger hunt for history, not only here in B/CS but also throughout the state. The objective is for you to FIND specific historic sites, BRING BACK EVIDENCE that you have found the site, and WRITE a report on what you found and why it has significance. Each of the specific sites has a point count assigned to it. The whole project is designed to represent 300 mix-and-match points but you can, if you wish, make an Extra Credit of an additional 10 % (30 points) by simply **TURNING IN YOUR PROJECT** by the early due date of April 5, and 20 points by adding extra sites. However, no matter how many sites you choose, you can only accumulate 350 points toward your final grade.

Here's how it works. Let's say that you FIND the grave of Harvey Mitchell. On the attached point count sheets you will see that Harvey Mitchell's grave is worth 20 points. A simple photo of you and Harvey's gravestone is worth one fourth of the total or five of those points. Your write-up about "Old Harvey" and why he is important in history is worth an additional 15 points for the total of 20. For your information you will have to visit several sites and markers in town and do research in the library or on-line to get the full story on Harvey.

***A written report without proof that you visited the site is worth nothing.**

Evidence that you were there, even without a write-up, is worth one fourth of the total, but you **MUST** identify yourself, the site, the clue and its point count.

In your report you must convince me that the site, or person or incident represented by the site, is of some significance and do it using proper and accepted English grammar. Look for significance to Texas and to the area where the site is found. For instance, there are hundreds of monuments to those

who died in World War II. Just visiting one of these sites will gain some points but your write-up should tell how Texas was important to WW II and why that particular marker appears where it is today.

DO NOT COPY THE WRITE-UP FROM A HISTORICAL MARKER OR A WRITE-UP IN A BOOK! Unless you go to the trouble of giving your quote a suitable foot note and citation, it is plagiarism and you get zero points.

Write about your subject in your own words. Your write-up does not have to be long. One paragraph usually **IS NOT** enough but, somewhat less than one typewritten page will be sufficient. **Each mistake in grammar will cost you one (1) point so be careful.** If you do a poor job of writing you could end up with only one-fourth of the point count. Remember that there are people in the Blinn Learning Center and the Blinn Writing Lab who are willing and able to help you with your write-ups. If you need help with your computer skills, visit the Blinn Open Computer Lab in room H225. As for the proper citations for your quotes and sources, I recommend Kate Turabian's **A Manual for Writers**. It is easy to read, easy to follow, and will save you a lot of wasted effort and grief in your college career.

Many of the sites are in and around Bryan and College Station, or close by in the Brazos Valley. You can complete the project by not leaving the immediate area but you will have to collect many more sites to do it. An excuse that you don't have transportation **WILL NOT WORK**. For those who are more adventurous there are other options. For instance, the farther you get from the B/CS area, the higher the point count.

How do you find these sites? Ah, that's a good question. You can find out about some of them in your textbook or most of them in the supplemental books. I will mention some of them in the lecture. Over in the library is a set of the new **Handbook Of Texas** and you can find many of them there. The **Handbook Of Texas** is also on-line. You need to learn how to use the library and on-line sources. For local sites there are several books on Brazos County history and books about A&M. For others, well, this IS a scavenger hunt. **BE CAREFUL!!!** Often former students offer their help. That's OK, because I don't care where you get your information. **BUT**, you need to be sure that the information you get is correct. For instance, in the past, several students have sold "proof" pictures and write-ups that don't apply to this semester's list of clues and don't go together. Likewise, some folks are willing to lead you to sites with which they are familiar – but those sites may not be on this semester's list. There is only one way that you can get credit for a site that is not on this semester's list. I'll tell you about it later.

Here are some things you need to know and a few clues and suggestions.

THIS PROJECT IS WORTH 300-350 POINTS, OR FROM 30% TO 35% OF YOUR FINAL GRADE. You cannot pass this semester without turning in this project!

The time you spend on it should reflect this. I expect that you might spend as much as 10 hours for every 100 points, maybe more. **DO NOT** put it off until the due date and ask for an extension. The answer is NO!

There are two (2) “Due Dates”.

The EARLY due date is Thursday, April 5. Any project turned in by that date will automatically receive a 10% Extra Credit Bonus of up to 30 points, unless errors bring the point count below 300.

The FINAL due date is Thursday, April 19. Unless there are extenuating circumstances and you have made arrangements with me in advance, **PROJECTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.**

YOU may receive an extra credit of up to 20 points by simply adding extra sites.

***ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE TYPED AND DOUBLE SPACED ON WHITE PAPER.**

***EACH SUBMISSION OF A SITE MUST HAVE A HEADING LIKE THIS:**

Your name & section	}	John Doe, 415
The clue you followed	}	The first state park
The claimed point count	}	60 points

***THEN YOU NEED A TITLE.**

MOTHER NEFF STATE PARK

If you leave out any of these, it will cost you five (5) points for each omission. Failure to follow these instructions could cost you over half of your grade.

YOU MUST REPORT, AT THE END OF EACH SITE REPORT, THE SOURCES YOU USED TO GATHER YOUR

INFORMATION. DO NOT lump all of them into one “Works Cited” page.

Submissions may be stapled together, or put in a **PAPER envelope, or put in a **PAPER** pocket folder, or bound. DO NOT submit them in ANY kind of plastic folders or pockets. I WILL NOT GRADE THEM. DO NOT submit a picture **OR OTHER EVIDENCE** that is not attached SECURELY to your paper. Use glue or tape or a staple. DO NOT use a paper clip. DO NOT use plastic document protectors.**

If your site turns out to be a museum, or something similar, you need to go inside. Pictures of you standing in the car headlights in front of a closed building DO NOT count. Many museums will not allow you to take pictures inside. It’s OK to take pictures outside, but be sure to go inside and tell me about it. Part of your research is to find out when these sites are open.

Many of the clues are just that, **CLUES. You have to figure them out.**

Involve your friends, family, or classmates in your hunt. After all, you may need someone to take your picture. **IF SEVERAL CLASSMATES WORK TOGETHER THEY CAN ALL CLAIM THE SAME SITES BUT EACH STUDENT MUST SUBMIT HIS OR HER OWN REPORT AND EVIDENCE.**

Hints !!!

I have a map in my office showing the general location of most of the sites, but not identifying them specifically. This may help you to plan road trips, etc. I also have copies of past projects so you can see how others have done the reports. If you are not sure that you have the correct answer to the clue, ask me. I will be happy to tell you if you have the correct answer.

HAVE FUN !

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUES

20 POINTS: (Yellow pins on map.)

Resting place of Harvey Mitchell

The compass of Hiram Hanover

Authorized by the Texas Legislature on April 17, 1871
The first county seat of Brazos County (This is not in downtown Bryan.)
Visit a museum for Brazos Valley African Americans.
Where Richard Carter built a house in 1831
A painting of "Brazos Spring"
He recaptured Quanah's mother
An honorary Aggie on horseback (Make sure you get the right person.)
The 12th Man
Visit the Sanders-Metzgar display.
Visit your county on the "wall of brands".
A Spanish American War memorial
A World War I memorial
A World War II memorial** You cannot claim all of these at one site.
Visit the George Bush museum.
A 1903 gift from a "steel man"
Resting-place for first Black Texas law officer killed in the line of duty
He commanded the Ranger assault on Pointe du Hoc.
Where they built the convent/school of *Villa Maria* (not at the church)

40 Points (Blue pins on the map.)

Visit the Burton cotton gin.
Home of the last president of The Republic of Texas
Do the "scavenger hunt" at the Star of The Republic Museum.
Nashville (on-the-Brazos)
Tenoxtitlan
Where the first elected president of Texas joined the church
Visit site of a World War II German prisoner of war camp
Visit a monument for LaSalle.
An important document was approved here on March 2, 1836.
Resting place for the wife of the first elected president of Texas
Tour the "Little Creamery in Brenham".
Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1876
A monument to Leander McNelly
Visit a park dedicated to the Confederacy.
Where the levee leaked
Visit "Old Sparky".
Where Sicilian farmers each donated ten rows of cotton to build a church
Visit the "Woodland Home".
Visit a monument to the "Father of the Texas Declaration of Independence".
Resting-place of first elected president of Texas
Resting place of Sarah, the woman who first created the "Lone Star" flag
Where the Fanthorps fed folks
"Steamboat House"
A park for Primus Kelly

Resting place of Texas' last Confederate veteran
"Old Baylor"
Watch them make cheese.
Visit a church and museum for the Wends.
Where Chinese farmers settled in Robertson Co.
Falls of the Brazos
San Francisco Xavier de Los Dolores
Where the *Washington* landed in 1850-1851
Visit the largest aluminum smelting plant in the U.S.
Sarahville de Viesca
Monument to *El Camino Real*

60 Points: (White pins on map)

Picnic at the 4-C mill pond.
Visit what was once called "the Brick Capital of the Southwest"
Take the longest free ferry ride in Texas.
Visit Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center
A memorial to "Babe" D.Z.
Watch them make baskets in Jacksonville.
Visit the Waco Mammoths
The tallest monument in Peggy McCormick's cow pasture
Visit the southernmost terminus of rails during the Civil War.
A "Palace" to salt
The Fort Bend Museum
Visit the Umlauf.
Visit the resting place of "The Mother of Texas".
A museum to early Texas logging
Visit the resting place of the second elected president of Texas
A museum for the First Cavalry Division
Cross the oldest suspension bridge west of the Mississippi.
Visit a home for "O. Henry".
Visit the resting place for the last president of the Republic of Texas.
The biggest floating guns at "D-Day"
Built after, and because of, the "blow" of Sept. 8, 1900
Resting place of the "*ad interim*" president of Texas in 1835
A museum for the Fourth Infantry Division
Propellor of the High Flyer
Birthplace of the First Marine Division
Tour campus of the oldest university for women west of the Mississippi.
It "blew" Texas into the century of oil
A museum for the Texas National Guard
"Grand Camp" anchor
Resting place of Andrew Jackson Potter
Resting place for "Shanghai" P.
The first state park

Site of largest school explosion in Texas
Visit the Ocean Star.
Climb Enchanted Rock.
Resting place for “Black Bean Bones”
“Come and Take It” battle site
Last of the “Val Verde Battery”
Tour “*Elissa*”.
Visit a museum for “CINCPAC” and the Pacific War
Where Native Americans built mounds
First home of “The Farmers’ Alliance” in Texas
Largest fire hydrant in Texas
Visit the Texas Heritage Museum.
Where Angelina Eberly fired a cannon
Tour old *Karlshafen*.
Site of mission *San Francisco de Las Tejas*
Where the *Lively* first landed, Dec.23, 1821
Largest prisoner-of-war camp for Union soldiers west of the Mississippi
Where Dunovant built a mill and the “Whangdoodle” carried cane
Visit the French Legation.
Resting place of “The Father of Texas”
Visit the Bob Bullock Museum.
Visit where Cynthia Ann was first captured.
Boyhood home of 36th president of the U.S.
Home of Trinity University in 1869
Site of the first wire fence to be issued a patent in the U.S.
Site of first use of barbed wire in Texas
Largest “Indian” reservation in Texas
First official capital of the Republic of Texas (not W-O-B)
Original home of Parson’s Cavalry, C.S.A
First home of Dr. Pepper
A volcano on the Balcones Fault
Where they signed the Turtle Bayou Resolutions
Fort Fisher and Hall of Fame
Dedicated week of May 18, 1888
“Old Stone Fort”
A “palace” for a bishop
Visit where Bradburn held the fort during the “Disturbance of 1831”.
Only official “clothing optional” public park in Texas
A studio for Elizabet Ney
Constitution Bend
World’s Richest Acre
Dinosaurs walked here
Allens’ Landing
First Polish ethnic settlement in the United States

80 Points: (Black pins on map)

Home of the “Sunday Houses”

Horsehead Crossing

Fort Richardson

Visit a museum for W.K. Gordon.

Birthplace of first “Flying Tiger”

Visit Lubbock Lake.

El Rancho de Santa Gertrudis

Lipantitlan

Visit the capitol of The Republic of The Rio Grande.

Visit Buffalo Gap Village

Presidio La Bahia

Visit world’s largest bronze monument.

El Rancho de Palmito

Visit a campsite of the Marquis de Rubi.

Visit a shrine for “Don Pedrito”.

Visit National Cowgirl Museum.

A “palace” for the Spanish governor

Because of him we celebrate *Cinco de Mayo*

All Texas cultures under one roof

A district for King William

In honor of the most decorated soldier in WW II

Ride the McKinney Avenue Trolley.

A marker for “The First to Fall”

Visit “Age of Steam - - -“ museum.

Visit “Old City Park”.

Visit the Stinson family and “Pancho” Villa at the Texas Air Museum.

A fort of “The Buffalo Soldiers”

Birthplace of 34th president of the U.S.

Watch the drive of “the Fort Worth Herd”.

Site of Salt Creek, or Warren Wagon Train massacre

Where two “Eagles” meet in friendship

Home of “The Law West of The Pecos”

A monument to Popeye

Resaca de la Palma

Visit the “Buckhorn”.

They hung 39 men at one time (and a few later)

In honor of “The King of Ragtime”

Where the Danish people built a church

Modern home of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raiser’s Association

Home of the first commercial shrimp fleet in Texas

Visit Largest Coastal Live Oak in Texas.

Visit the “Atalanta” exhibit

Visit “Piasano Pete” and Annie Riggs.

Padre Balli’s sand dunes

The “Lady” who was “The Blue Ghost”

The biggest “eye” in Texas
Mission Espirito Santo
Where George Fulton built a house 1871-1875.
Fort in Limpia Canyon
Hike to “The Window” (not in San Antonio).
The southernmost “lighthouse” park
4,000 acres of sand dunes, but no sea
Tour the San Antonio Mission Trail (all of it = +20 extra credit).
77,000 square foot swimming pool at *San Soloman*
Visit the American Wind Power Center.
Where a cereal millionaire dynamited the air
Visit the only mill in the Texas weaving fabric from Texas virgin wool.
Home of “Fifinella”
“Spanish Fort Crossing”
Visit original site of “Santa Rita No. 1”.
Visit the Museum of the Big Bend.

90 Points: (Orange pins on map)

Visit the home of Ben Leaton.
Oldest permanent mission/church in Texas
Highest point in Texas
Home of the XIT
Visit *Los Portales*.
Watch the “Marfa Lights”.
Pinery Station
Visit a monument to Father Juan de Padilla.
Home of rocks named for Allen Bates
Where America’s second transcontinental railroad joined in 1881
Only “Indian” reservation in West Texas
Visit “Old Tascosa”.
Historic markers at *San Elizario Plaza*
Hueco Tanks
Where Billy Dixon made a spectacular shot.
A monument to Helium
Visit a marker for “The Salt War”.

WILD CARD: You may know of a particular site that is of special interest to you. You may claim that one (1) site as a “wild card”, give it a point count appropriate to its location (check the map in my office for point count), and write it up like other sites. You **MUST** tell me it is your “Wild Card”. This is the **ONLY** site that is not on the list for which you will receive credit.

GOOD HUNTING