

Guided Reading

A. Sequencing Events As you read this section, answer questions about the time line.

1821 Spain offers land grants to anyone bringing settlers to Texas. Mexico gains its independence from Spain.

1. Why did Spain want people to settle in Texas? What effect did Mexico's independence have on Stephen Austin's land grant?

2. Why did Americans want to settle in Texas?

1823

1824

3. What brought American settlers into conflict with the Mexican government?

1835 The Texas Revolution is led by Texans eager to gain independence from Mexico.

4. What happened at the Alamo?

1836 The Republic of Texas is founded and asks the U.S. government to annex the new republic.

5. Why was the United States reluctant to annex Texas?

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B. Evaluating What role did *Tejanos* and Texans play in the Texas Revolution? Explain.