



Celebrate Texas Independence Day

# Student Texas History Fair 2025

## Rights & Responsibilities

*Every year the Texas Heroes Foundation takes its theme for the Student Texas History Fair from the National History Day Competition and adapts it to Texas for further education and appreciation for our state's history.*

“To study rights and responsibilities in history, we must ask questions. Who decides who has rights? Does everyone have the same rights? What led to establishing certain rights, and to whom were they given? How have people, governments, or institutions decided what parameters should be set to enforce responsibilities? How are such decisions justified? The key to this theme is addressing BOTH rights AND responsibilities. These are two powerful forces in history, but one does not work without the other.” - NHD.org

*This is a list of possible theme ideas. We encourage you to look at this list as a springboard to identify more moments in Texas' history in which to base your project. Remember, your project's individuality is worth extra points when judged. For more resources see our website at [Texasheroesfoundation.org](http://Texasheroesfoundation.org).*

### Theme Ideas:

- Mexico's Treaties | Treaties with Native tribes/Republic of Texas/State of Texas
- Empresario System | Mexican colonization of Texas
- Prohibition | Impact on Texas' society
- Cattle Ranching Laws | Treatment of Livestock in Texas
- Why We Revolted | The Texas Declaration of Independence (1836)
- Achieving Statehood | The Treaty of Annexation & The Texas Constitution (1845)
- Women Vote | Women's Suffrage in Texas
- Why We Seceded | The Texas Ordinance of Secession (1861)
- Fighting Age | The Selective Service Act & Drafting Texans in the World Wars and Vietnam

### DEADLINES:

**Creative Writing & Research Papers** - electronically on Registration Form or by Mail to Texas Heroes Foundation Attn: Student History Fair, P.O. Box 5356, Granbury, TX 76049 by 2/14/25.

**Performing Art, Artwork & Exhibits** - in person at Acton United Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Hwy. on either 2/23/25 from 3-5 pm or 2/24/25 from 5-7pm.

**ALL ENTRIES:** Must complete one Registration Form per Entry: <https://bit.ly/2025SHF> - (case sensitive). Limit of 2 entries per year in different categories.

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