

7TH & 10TH GR TEKS

Blended learning activities enhance social studies, ELR, Art, critical thinking skills, teamwork and digital literacy. Five engaging lesson plans with online and multimedia activities.

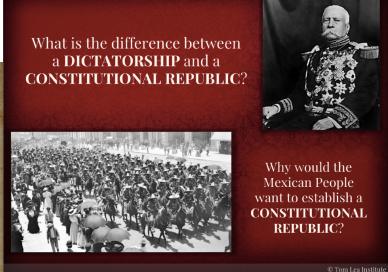
TEACHERS ARE SAYING

""Students discover their own family heritage during the time period making social studies relevent. Students are encouraged to learn and connect to their coursework in new ways." Social Studies Teacher

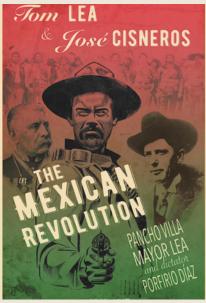
ONE OF A KIND CURRICULUM

Explores the friendship between two renowned artists, Tom Lea, son of the mayor of El Paso and Jose Cisneros, a Mexican refugee, who became lifelong friends. Teaches character qualities in the context of immigration, poverty and racism during the progressive era and compare and contrast to today.











YOUR STUDENTS DISCOVER

- How the Mexican Revolution and the events that followed created a bi-cultural borderland; affecting everything from politics, social issues, commerce, and immigration.
- How the life experience of Lea and Cisneros strengthened character qualities such as determination and discernment. Students apply character traits to their lives.
- How to use primary and secondary sources-art, stories, music and videos.
- How to create a digital movie poster and produce a movie about the Mexican Revolution.
- How Mayor Lea led El Paso during the establishment of disinfecting stations and a refugee camp at Fort Bliss.

"My students have never been so engaged in learning social studies." 7th Grade Teacher

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TEKS Outcomes

Synthesize how the events of the Mexican Revolution impacted El Paso in the larger context of the Progressive movement leading up to WWI, Women's Suffrage and Prohibition.

Interconnectedness of the unique bi-cultural border related to immigration, politics and social issues.

Thinking/Cognitive skills Analyze, synthesize, evaluate art and historical concepts related to the Progressive Era.

Future Ready Skills.

Use primary source materials for historical analysis; art, photos, video interviews, archival films, maps, audio recordings, newspaper articles, and oral histories. Execution of project based teamwork. Effective oral and written presentations.

66Studies have demonstrated that students who participate in this area of study are more likely to increase their reading, writing, math and science skills - improved test scores, increased attendance, on time graduation, matriculation to post-secondary education and scholarship attainment."

Georgina Pérez, El Paso representative, State Board of Education

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