

★ TEXAS REVOLUTION ★ THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO

The Battle of San Jacinto was the final battle of the Texas Revolution. The battle only lasted 18 minutes, but the Texas forces won and Texas became an independent country.

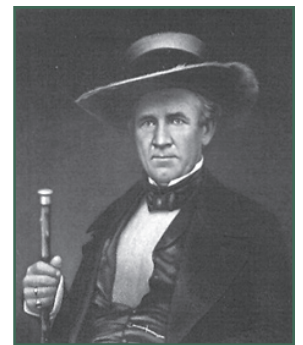
Until the battle, Texas had been a part of Mexico. The Mexican government, under President Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, had changed some of the laws regarding the Texas citizens. The citizens, many of whom were settlers from the United States, resisted the new laws. Santa Anna sent troops into Texas to stop the rebellion. The first battle of the Texas Revolution was in Gonzales, Texas in October 1835.

After many setbacks, including losing the battles at the

Alamo and Goliad, the Texas forces had retreated to the eastern part of the state. Santa Anna followed and believed he had the Texas forces cornered. He planned to attack the Texas forces on April 22. However, the Texas forces, led by General Sam Houston, made a surprise attack on April 21, 1836. Santa Anna had made a mistake and had not posted lookouts, so the Mexican soldiers were unprepared for battle. In 18 minutes, the battle was over, and the Texans had won their independence.



Painting of Santa Anna surrendering to Sam Houston after the Battle of San Jacinto. Houston was shot in the ankle during the battle. Here he lies under a tree with his ankle bandaged.



Sam Houston, commander of the Texas forces at San Jacinto.

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Date: April 21, 1836

Texan forces: 910
led by General Sam Houston

Mexican forces: 1,360
led by General Antonio Lopez
de Santa Anna

★ QUICK QUIZ ★

What was the date of the Battle of San Jacinto?

April 21, 1836

Who led the Texas forces?

Sam Houston

Who led the Mexican forces?

Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

Where was Houston shot during the battle?

in the ankle

Secret Code Word

Use the secret code to find a word about the Battle of San Jacinto. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

S	U	R	P	R	I	S	E
19	21	18	16	18	9	19	5

Secret code

1 = A	7 = G	13 = M	19 = S	25 = Y
2 = B	8 = H	14 = N	20 = T	26 = Z
3 = C	9 = I	15 = O	21 = U	
4 = D	10 = J	16 = P	22 = V	
5 = E	11 = K	17 = Q	23 = W	
6 = F	12 = L	18 = R	24 = X	