✯ TEXAS REVOLUTION ✯
SIEGE OF THE ALAMO

1854 drawing of the Alamo

In 1835, Texas was a state of Mexico. The citizens of Texas were unhappy with the government of Mexico. Many were settlers from the U.S. and were used to American laws. When the Mexican government established new laws that the Texans thought were unfair, the Texans began the Texas Revolution.

In February 1836, around 200 members of the Texan army were in the Alamo Mission in San Antonio. The Texan army was made up of volunteers and militia.

General Santa Anna, who was also president of Mexico, came to San Antonio with 2,400 troops to stop the revolution. He tried to take the Alamo from the Texans, but lost the first attempts. Finally, on March 6, 1836, just before dawn, the final battle began. In about an hour, the battle was over and all of the Texan soldiers had been killed. The siege was over and the Mexican Army had won.

The Siege of the Alamo played an important part in the Texas Revolution. While Santa Anna spent time in San Antonio, in another part of the state the Texans had met and signed the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836. The loss of the men at the Alamo inspired other Texans to join the army as volunteers.

On April 21, 1836 the Texan army, led by General Sam Houston, defeated Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto. Texas had won its independence.

THE SIEGE OF THE ALAMO

Dates: February 23 to March 6, 1836
Texan forces: 182-260 led by Colonel William B. Travis and Colonel James Bowie
Mexican forces: 2,400 led by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

Painting of the Siege of the Alamo. Former U.S. Congressman Davy Crockett, one of the Texans, is the man wearing a coonskin cap.

✯ QUICK QUIZ ✯

Who led the Texan forces at the Alamo?
William Travis and James Bowie

Who led the Mexican forces at the Alamo?
Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

What day did the battle end?
March 6, 1836

What Texan at the Alamo was a former U.S. Congressman?
Davy Crockett

SECRET CODE WORD

Use the secret code to find a word about the Alamo. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

S	I	E	G	E
19	9	5	7	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	