

SPRIT OF THE FRONTIER FESTIVAL

STUDENT HISTORY ACTIVITY

When you come to the *Spirit of the Frontier Festival* you will meet people from three major groups who lived on the Texas frontier: ① **Military** ② **Settlers** ③ **Native Americans**

Each group will be met by a "trail guide" carrying a flag of red, blue, or yellow marked A, B, C, D or E. These flags are made to look like the flags used by frontier soldiers and they are called **guidon flags**.



When we use the word **frontier** we mean the land before the cities were built in this area. Let's learn something about each of these groups before our visit to the festival.

① **The Military (Soldiers)**

Texas became a part of the United States in 1845. The U.S. government sent soldiers to Texas protect settlers moving west. Which of the following is a frontier soldier? _____



(a)



(b)



(c)

② **The Settlers (Americans moving west)**

People who were moving across America to settle in the new lands were called **settlers**. What was the primary vehicle used by settlers to move everything they owned? _____

(a) Tractor Trailer Moving Van (b) Chuck Wagon (c) Covered Wagon

③ **Native Americans (Indians)**

The people who were native to this area (born here and lived here first) were called **Indians** by the incoming soldiers and settlers. Which of the following was NOT an Indian tribe in Texas? _____

(a) The Comanche (b) The Tsimshian (c) The Tonkawa



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