7th Grade Texas History Tour Questions and Answers

1. How does Buck Taylor describe a “frontier?” Hint: Listen to his first statements in the “Big Picture” theatre. #5 Answer: A line between the “known and unknown.”
   TEKS: SS 7.1A,B, TAKS GR 8 SS 2.8;12A,5:8.30B,C

2. What big game did we have in Texas before the hunters killed them all? Hint: #9; Answer: Bear, elk, buffalo

3. What kind of big game predators did we have that are no longer here? Answer: Wolves, Bear TEKS: SS 7.8 B,C; 7.9B

4. Give an example from Esihibatu and Sun Boy of how Indian tribes educated their young people about their history, culture and religion. Hint: # 21 (pictures drawn on rock, special celebrated days) and Sun Boy #25 (pictures drawn on hides). TEKS: SS 7.19

5. Why did J. Wright Moore and the other buffalo hunters almost wipe out the buffalo in Texas? Hint: #22 Answer: For the money—there was a demand for the hides in the east and even Europeans wanted things made from buffalo hides or bones. TEKS: SS7.13; 7.21 B,C; TAKS 8SS 5.8.30B,C

6. What was the point of view of Cynthia Ann Parker about buffalo hunters? Hint: #21 Answer: She could see that her tribe was suffering from hunger and cold without the buffalo. TEKS: SS 7.6; 7.21B,C,E; TAKS 8Ss 5.8.30B,C

7. What was the point of view of the military about the buffalo hunters? Hint: #22 Answer: They did not discourage their hunting, even on lands reserved for Indians because it made it easier to force the Indians on to reservations. TEKS: 7.6A; 7.21B,E; TAKS Gr8 SS 5

8. Name the military fort that was located 12 miles north of Abilene: Hint: #26, Answer: Fort Phantom TEKS SS 7.6A;

9. Who were the “Buffalo Soldiers?” Hint: #32 Answer: Black soldiers who came into the frontier after the Civil War to fight against the Indians. TEKS: SS 7.6A; 7.21;TAKS SS5.8

10. What important things would a trail boss need to know before taking his cattle along the long cattle trail to the railroads? Hint: #38 Answer: A good sense of geography, knowledge of where the water was, and alternate routes around Indian tribes or trouble areas. TEKS: 7.13,14;
11. Name three facts about Britt Johnson? Hint: #42 and hear his story in the movie. **Answer:** (See spirit guide biography) TEKS: 7.13B

12. What was the purpose of the Butterfield Stagecoach line? Hint: #40
   **Answer:** To carry mail and passengers across Texas from Fort Smith to San Francisco. TEKS 7.12C

13. What were three facts about Elizabeth Carter Clifton? Hint: Listen to her story in the movie and #58 **Answer:** (See bio sheet) TEKS 7.21B

14. What did Mrs. Clifton mean about living “hand to mouth?” **Answer:** Barely making a living with little or nothing left over. TEKS SS 7.21B

15. What three changes signaled the end of the frontier? Hint: Notice what you see in the area from #61-#66. **Answer:** Barbed wire, windmills, railroads, stores, courthouses, etc. TEKS SS 7.20D,F