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***Colonization of Texas: Choosing the Right People for Your Colony***

**Directions:** Read the following letters from Anglos to Stephen F. Austin, and use the checklist of Mexican criteria to decide who will be allowed to settle in Texas and who will be rejected. Support your decision below.

*January 5, 1826*

*I hear that you are going to Texas. Well, believe me, Mr. Austin, sin and wickedness have no boundaries. Thy people will need a strong soldier of the Lord to do battle against the devil in the lands of the heathen Spanish. You may ask anyone in Kentucky about me. Why, I have probably baptized more souls than anyone else in the state. Believe me, Mr. Austin, thy soul and the soul of thy people will be in great danger if you settle among those Spanish. Why, they will make you become Catholics like themselves! Take me with you, Mr. Austin, and, together, we can work to make these heathen Catholics into true Christians. Together, with the Lord, we’ll kick ole Satan out of Texas. Amen!*

*Reverend Eli Richardson*

**Check all that apply:**

* Willing to follow Mexican laws
* Oath of allegiance (loyalty) to Mexico
* Farmer or skilled worker
* Catholic or silent about other beliefs
* Good moral character
* Hard worker, committed to the land
* Family man
* Bringing equipment

**Circle One:** Accepted Rejected

**Main Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*March 24, 1826*

*It is with great excitement that I consider you noble undertaking in the wilds of Texas. My plan is to raise livestock and plant both sugarcane and cotton. In addition, as an experienced physician, I can offer much to your Texas colony. My knowledge of herbs, medicines, and healing will help in establishing civilization in the wild. Please reply to Madame Honore’s Boarding House in New Orleans, as I will be taking residence there as of May this year.*

*Clayton Johnson*

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*August 11, 1826*

*I plan to farm and raise livestock in Texas, so let me know when I can get started. I own a 50 acre farm in Robertson County, Tennessee, but I am to build a bigger one. I am a widower, but my five children are of an age to work hard with me in building a new home. I also spent time in the U.S. Army when I was younger, so I am a disciplined U.S. citizen. I have a party interested in buying my farm, so let me know when I can head to Texas.*

*Robert Cooper*

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*September 8, 1826*

*The reason I would like to come to Texas is that – well – I sure would like to start a new life for myself and my family in a new land. My sawmill back home turns a good profit, but I often worry about the future of my family, what with things getting so crowded around here. The way I figured it, if we were to move to Texas, I could bring my sawmill equipment and set up on a river. I know that your settlers could sure use sawed lumber. We could also start a farm so that my family could grow and not have to worry about finding land when they grow up. They could raise families of their own right here in Texas and leave peaceably with good neighbors. I would appreciate it if you would let us come.*

*James Renbow*

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