**Each paper topic has some guiding concepts. These are to help you begin your research, but you are not limited to only the assigned concepts. Ask your teacher if you find information you are uncertain about or if you come up with another concept to add to your research.**

**Unit 9: Texas Government**

* **Comparing Constitutions – U.S. vs. Texas**
  + **Paper topic: Texas Constitutions**
    - **Chapter 28, pp. 622-625, pp. 710-711**
    - **Concepts: History of constitutions in Texas, government, constitutional principles, separation of powers within the Texas constitution, Texas Bill of Rights, individual rights, summary of the articles of the Texas Constitutions (use most recent), limited government, Texas state branches of government, Texas constitutional amendments**
  + **Paper topic: U.S. Constitution**
    - **Chapter 28, pp. 622-625 (would help to check out an 8th grade textbook)**
    - **Concepts: History of the U.S. Constitution, government, constitutional principles, separation of powers within the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, individual rights, summary of the articles of the U.S. Constitution, limited government, U.S. branches of government, key U.S. amendments**
  + **Paper topic: Levels of Government** 
    - **Chapters 28, 29, & 30, pp. 620-662**
    - **Concepts: Separation of powers, levels of the executive branch and their roles, levels of the legislative branch and their roles, levels of the judicial branch and their roles, limited government, checks and balances, Federalism**
* **Branches of Government – U.S. and Texas**
  + **Paper topic: Judicial Branch**
    - **Chapter 28, pp. 627-631**
    - **Concepts: Supreme Court, Levels of judicial branch, civil law, criminal law, jury trials, appeals, court process for both civil and criminal cases, checks on other branches, separation of powers**
  + **Paper topic: Executive Branch**
    - **Chapter 29, pp. 641-644**
    - **Concepts: President’s roles, governor’s roles, mayor’s roles, commander in chief, executive action, veto, cabinet, separation of powers, checks on other branches**
  + **Paper topic: Legislative Branch**
    - **Chapter 29, pp. 636-640**
    - **Concepts: U.S. Congress, Texas state congress, city councils, Senate, House of Representatives, bicameral, committees, how a bill becomes law, resolutions, district powers of the two houses in congress, separation of power, checks on other branches**
* **Citizen Rights and Responsibilities** 
  + **Paper topic: Citizens’ Rights** 
    - **Chapter 28, pp. 624-625**
    - **Concepts: U.S. Bill of Rights, Texas Bill of Rights, who qualifies for rights in the U.S., amendments, action taken if a right if violated, free speech, freedom of the press, U.S. rights as a model for other countries**
  + **Paper topic: Citizens’ Responsibilities** 
    - **Chapter 30, pp. 662-665**
    - **Concepts: Voting, federal/state/local laws, jury duty, failure to meet certain responsibilities, lack of citizens fulfilling their responsibilities**
  + **Paper topic: Civic participation**
    - **Chapter 30, pp. 662-665**
    - **Concepts: Elections, voting, political parties, running for office, military service, special interest groups, lobbying, local civic associations, lack of civic participation**

**Unit 10: Texas Grows and Prospers: Cattle and Oil**

* **Conflict on the Frontier – 19th century**
  + **Paper topic: Effects of westward expansion on Native American life, 1866-1880**
    - **Chapter 17, pp. 388-409**
    - **Concepts: Cultural conflict, U.S. policies towards the Native Americans, Treaty of Medicine Lodge Creek, reservations, Quanah Parker, General William Tecumseh Sherman, Warren Wagontrain Raid, buffalo hunters, the West Texas Wars, buffalo soldiers, Texas Rangers**
  + **Paper topic: Development of the cattle industry, 1690-1885**
    - **Chapter 18, pp. 412-422**
    - **Concepts: Spanish origins, *vaqueros*, *rancheros*,drovers, wranglers, cowboys, open range, King Ranch, stockyards, cattle markets, cattle trails (Sedalia/Shawnee Trail, Chisholm Trail, Great Western Trail, Matamoros Trail, Goodnight-Loving Trail), cattle towns, Joseph G. McCoy, end of the cattle drives, myths and realities of the cowboy way of life**
  + **Paper topic: End of Reconstruction**
    - **Chapter 16, pp. 373-379**
    - **Concepts: Reconstruction, Radical republicans, freedmen, post-reconstruction policies, the South vs. North after reconstruction, effects of reconstruction on Texas, economic gains for Texas through reconstruction**
* **Growth of the Railroads and Agriculture – 19th century**
  + **Paper topic: Farming and ranching, 1876-1900**
    - **Chapter 18, pp. 419-427**
    - **Concepts: Major ranches (King Ranch, JA Ranch, Shoe Bar Ranch, Matador Ranch, etc.), mustangers, sheep industry, J.F. Glidden, barbed wire, fence cutting, dry farming, cotton, other crops, tenant farming and sharecropping**
  + **Paper topic: Growth of railroads, 1876-1900**
    - **Chapter 19, pp. 437-447**
    - **Concepts: Land Grant Law of 1876, transportation, railroad lines, development of cities, migration, population distribution, trade, effects on farmers and merchants, Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), James Hogg, Texas Railroad Commission**
  + **Paper topic: Demands for reform, 1876-1900**
    - **Chapter 19, pp. 443-447**
    - **Concepts: Trusts, monopolies, farming debt, free enterprise, the Grange, Farmers’ Alliance, Texas People’s Party (Populist Party), J.B. Rayner, antitrust law of 1889, James Hogg**
* **Spindletop – Oil is discovered! \*Groups of TWO only\***
  + **Paper topic: Galveston Hurricane of 1900**
    - **Chapter 20, p. 459 and p. 466**
    - **Concepts: September 8, 1900, scale of the natural disaster, effects on people, Women’s Health Protective Association, seawall, engineering, port of entry, city government reforms**
  + **Paper topic: The growth of the oil industry, 1866-1916**
    - **Chapter 20, pp. 454-463**
    - **Concepts: Early refineries, Pattillo Higgins, Anthony Lucas, Spindletop gusher, January 10, 1901, Beaumont, Texas Company (Texaco), Humble Oil Company (Exxon-Mobil), population growth, pipelines, ocean tankers, storage facilities, boomtowns, Goose Creek Oil Field, development of Houston, Houston Ship Channel**

**Unit 11: The World in Transition: 20th century Texas**

* **Texas Grows and Changes – 1900-1930s**
  + **Paper topic: A New Century** 
    - **Chapter 20, pp. 456-469**
    - **Concepts: Oil boomtowns, lumber in east Texas, cattle/ranches, development of big cities in Texas, progressive movement, women’s suffrage, Populists, reform, labor groups, minority voting rights, LULAC, Lulu Belle Madison White**
  + **Paper topic: WWI and the 1920s**
    - **Chapter 21, pp. 476-488**
    - **Concepts: WWI, Technological advances during WWI, isolationism, effects of WWI on Texas, rationing, women’s roles, post-war prosperity, prohibition (18th amendment), temperance movement, women in the government, Jane McCallum**
  + **Paper topic: The Great Depression**
    - **Chapter 22, pp. 496-508**
    - **Concepts: Economic Cycle, boom/bust cycles, Dust bowl, Stock Market Crash, surplus of oil, results on cotton farms, New Deal effects on Texas**
* **WWII and Post-War Prosperity – 1940-1970**
  + **Paper topic: WWII**
    - **Chapter 23, pp. 516-524**
    - **Concepts: Dictator, Allied powers, Axis powers, basic summary of the events leading to the war, Pearl Harbor, U.S. involvement, technological improvements, Texas troops in the war, Holocaust, results of the war**
  + **Paper topic: The Home Front during WWII**
    - **Chapter 23, pp. 516-524**
    - **Concepts: Texas training sites, industrial production, rationing, smelter, women workers at home, Oveta Culp Hobby, Lend-Lease Act, FEPC creation**
  + **Paper topic: Post-War Prosperity** 
    - **Chapter 23, pp. 526-529**
    - **Concepts: Demobilization, GI Bill of Rights, population increases, baby boom, Hector P. Garcia, increase in production, Texas economic boom, increase in leisure, technology effects on U.S. lifestyles**

**Unit 12: 20th Century trends in Texas**

* **Economic Trends 20th Century Texas – Industrialization \*Groups of TWO only\***
  + **Paper topic: Industrialization**
    - **Chapter 24, pp. 552- 553; Chapter 25, pp. 569-573**
    - **Concepts: Industrialization, oil, off shore drilling, agriculture, urban development, key industries in Texas, growth of industries through government action, development of technology in Texas, examples of companies in Texas**
  + **Paper topic: Globalization** 
    - **Chapter 26, pp. 583-586**
    - **Concepts: Globalization, role of technology, global markets, trade, port of Houston, relationships within the oil markets, how Texas trades with the rest of the world, key exports, key imports, effects of globalization on culture**
* **Social/Cultural Trends 20th Century Texas – Civil Rights**
  + **Paper topic: Racism, segregation, and discrimination, 1866-present**
    - **Chapter 20, pp. 469-473; Chapter 21, pp. 485-486**
    - **Concepts: Jim Crow laws, segregation (in public facilities, housing, education, etc.), lynching, poll tax, Charles N. Love and W.E. King, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Ku Klux Klan**
  + **Paper topic: The fight for racial equality, African Americans, 1944-present**
    - **Chapter 23, pp. 527-528; Chapter 24 and 25, pp. 538-568**
    - **Concepts: The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), *Brown v. Board of Education (1954)*, Lyndon B. Johnson, the Great Society, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act, Martin Luther King, Jr., Barbara Jordan, James L. Farmer, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), boycotts, sit-ins, freedom rides**
  + **Paper topic: The fight for racial equality, Mexican Americans, 1944-present**
    - **Chapter 23, pp. 527-528; Chapter 24 and 25, pp. 538-568**
    - **Concepts: Hector P. Garcia, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), *Brown v. Board of Education (1954)*, Lyndon B. Johnson, the Great Society, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Voting Rights Act, Henry B. Gonzalez, Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations (PASSO), Mexican American Youth Organization (MAYO), *La Raza Unida* Party (RUP), Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)**
* **Social/Cultural Trends 20th Century Texas – Immigration**
  + **Paper topic: Immigration from Europe to Texas**
    - **See below for textbook page numbers!**
    - **Concepts: Immigrant groups – England (p. 335), France (p. 335, 603), Germany (p. 297-298, 305, 335, 423, 482, 603, 609), Ireland (p. 335), Norway (p. 336), Czechoslovakia (p. 335, 603, 609), Poland (p. 335), Russia (p. 591); reasons for coming to Texas, where they settled, their influence on Texas, how they maintain their cultural heritage while adapting to the larger Texas culture**
  + **Paper topic: Immigration from Asia to Texas**
    - **See below for textbook page numbers!**
    - **Concepts: Immigrant groups – China (p. 479), India (p. 590), Southeast Asia (p. 479, 590), Vietnam (p. 563); reasons for coming to Texas, where they settled, their influence on Texas, how they maintain their cultural heritage while adapting to the larger Texas culture**
  + **Paper topic: Immigration from the Americas to Texas**
    - **See below for textbook page numbers!**
    - **Concepts: Immigrant groups – Caribbean (p. 591), Central America (p. 590), Mexico (p. 472, 473, 483, 521, 523, 590); reasons for coming to Texas, where they settled, their influence on Texas, how they maintain their cultural heritage while adapting to the larger Texas culture**
* **Political Trends – Texas Politics**
  + **Paper topic: The two-party system**
    - **Chapter 30, pp. 662-665**
    - **Concepts: Political parties, two-party system, watchdog role, Democratic Party, Republican Party, primary elections, general elections, special elections, and local elections**
  + **Paper topic: Influencing politics**
    - **Chapter 30, pp. 662-665**
    - **Concepts: Political parties, third parties (Reform Party, Libertarian Party, Green Party, etc.), special interest groups (SIGs), lobbyists**
  + **Paper topic: Leaders of and from Texas**
    - **Use textbook index for page numbers!**
    - **Concepts: Important leadership qualities, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Lawrence Sullivan “Sul” Ross, John Nance Garner (“Cactus Jack”), James A. Baker III, Henry B. Gonzalez, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Barbara Jordan, Raymond L. Telles, Sam Rayburn, Raul A. Gonzalez, Jr.**