Lesson 1

	4th Grade	5th Grade
Social Studies TEKS:	SS 113.15.6A	SS 113.16.6A

Objective: Students will examine Texas and focus on its geographic elements.

Audience: Partners or Independent

Time: About 45 minutes

Bloom's Taxonomy: Knowledge

Materials: Blackline Master A, markers or crayons, social studies textbook, computers, and other books for research

Instruction Considerations: This lesson is to familiarize students with the geography of Texas. Students will label different geographic areas. This map will be used during the next lesson to analyze data.

The students can use any resources that you permit – their textbook, computers, or other books. The research can be done with a partner or independently.

According to the 2000 census, the cities should be colored as followed:
- Blue: Lufkin (32,709) and Midland (94,996)
- Orange: Abilene (115,930)
- Brown: Austin (656,562)
- Red: Dallas (1,188,580) and San Antonio (1,144,646)
- Purple: Houston (1,953,631)

To conclude this lesson, allow students to compare their maps with other students. Differences should be discussed and resolved. It is important that each child has access to an accurate map to be used for the following lesson.