

## Four Famous Texans

Directions: Use the internet or other sources of information to research these four people who influenced Texas. After conducting your research, complete the activities below. Choose one person to write a letter to. Submit your letter to the 2023 I Am Texas contest at [www.iamtx.org](http://www.iamtx.org)



Cabeza de Vaca



Bernardo de Galvez



Stephen F. Austin



Molly Goodnight

**#1 Bernardo de Galvez lived from 1746 to 1786.**

Put a check next to each sentence that is true about Bernardo de Galvez.

	Galvez was a Spanish military leader.
	Galvez helped the United States in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain.
	Galvez helped capture British forts along the Gulf of Mexico.
	Galvez's motto is, "Yo solo!" which means, "I alone!"
	Galveston Island is named after Bernardo de Galvez.
	Galvez lived his whole life in the city of Galveston.

**Sketch a picture of Bernardo de Galvez on his ship.**

**#2 Cabeza de Vaca lived from 1490 to 1560.**

Circle the word or words that makes each sentence about Cabeza de Vaca true.

1. Cabeza de Vaca was a Spanish explorer / farmer who was shipwrecked off the coast of California / Texas.
2. The Karankawa / Comanche Indians kept him from starving / eating but also enslaved him for several years.
3. He pretended to be a teacher / doctor to receive better treatment.
4. De Vaca wandered around Texas and the southwest for 8 / 80 years.
5. De Vaca's book / painting provides some of the first information about Texas.

**Sketch a picture of something Cabeza de Vaca might have seen in Texas in 1528.**

I drew a \_\_\_\_\_.

### #3 Stephen F. Austin lived from 1793 to 1836.

Match the first part of each sentence with the correct second part.

Stephen F. Austin brought	a land grant in exchange for becoming Mexican citizens.
He had permission from	300 citizens of the United States to settle Texas.
Under the empresario system, each family was given	the "Father of Texas."
Austin worked hard to keep the peace	Spain and then Mexico to move people into Texas.
At his funeral, Sam Houston called him	between the Texas settlers and the Mexican government.

Sketch a picture of one item Stephen F. Austin might have taken with him to Texas.

I drew a \_\_\_\_\_.

### #4 Molly Goodnight lived from 1839 to 1926.

Fill in the blanks to complete the story about Molly Goodnight. Use the words below. (There are two extra words that won't get used.)

**designed ride teacher Galveston Palo Duro Canyon extinction  
red dogs hunters rescued chickens ranch hot dogs**

Molly Goodnight was a Texas school \_\_\_\_\_. She was married to Charles Goodnight and lived with him at the JA Ranch in \_\_\_\_\_. She spent many weeks alone on the \_\_\_\_\_ while Charles was on cattle drives. Many days her only friends were her \_\_\_\_\_. Charles \_\_\_\_\_ a special side saddle for Molly so that she could safely \_\_\_\_\_ around the ranch. \_\_\_\_\_ often came into the Palo Duro and killed thousands of bison who lived there. Molly \_\_\_\_\_ the orphaned bison, called " \_\_\_\_\_ " because of their orange-red color. Together Molly and Charles helped save bison from \_\_\_\_\_.

Sketch a picture of something important to Molly Goodnight.

I drew a \_\_\_\_\_.