**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Blossom Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Additional Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Revolution Event: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Texas Independence Newscast**

**Introduction:**

Animosity between the Mexican government and the American settlers in Texas eventually led to the Texans rebelling against Mexico. The war between the Texans and the Mexicans started in 1835 with the Battle of Gonzales and end in 1836 with the Treaty of Velasco.

**Events:**

**First 5 Battles of the Revolution**

**Siege of the Alamo**

**Signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence**

**Battle of Coleto Creek & Massacre at Goliad**

**Runaway Scrape**

**Battle of San Jacinto,**

**Signing of the Treaty of Velasco**

**Task:** Your task is to create a newscast that will depict one event of the Texas Revolution. Each team will be responsible for turning in the following assignments:

1. **Newscast:** The newscast must completely describe the assigned event from the Texas Revolution against Mexico. It will include a **summary of the event from the anchors, one interview with an eyewitness, and visuals (maps, pictures, and/or artwork)**. The newscast must be **4-6 minutes** in length. Group members will be required to dress in character for the newscast. Everyone must participate during the newscast. You may perform the newscast live in class or submit a video of your newscast.
   * Visuals can either be printed out or incorporated into a PowerPoint.
   * If you choose to print visuals out they must be large enough to be seen from the back of the classroom.
   * The video or PowerPoint can be presented from a flash drive only!
   * Videos can only be in the following formats; .wmv, .avi, .mov, and .mp4
2. **Newspaper Report:** As **a group** you will put information you gather together to create a report. The information in your report is the research that supports what you will present in your newscast. Individual members will research different aspects of the assigned event and the group will type a full one page summary of their event. Double spaced, 14 point font and 1 inch margins.

**Think like a journalist –** Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

1. **Script:** Also**,** groups will be required to turn in a script of what is said during the newscast. The script should be formatted appropriately with setting, action, and dialogue. There is no page limit, but you need to rehearse and make sure that it runs **at least 4 minutes in length and is no longer than 6 minutes**. Double spaced, 14 point font and 1 inch margins.

**Blossom Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Revolution Event: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Roles:** Each group member will have an **on-screen role** and an **off-screen role**. Some groups will not have 4 members exactly; you all will need to plan accordingly!You may have more than one historical figure in your interview/newscast. Fill in the names of group members under their roles.

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| **On-Screen Role: The Cast** | **Off-Screen Role: The Crew** |
| **Anchor #1**   * **Writes the introduction to the newscast** * **Researches dates to include in the script** * **Maintains the Character of an Anchor** * **Dresses in Costume**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Production Manager**   * **Finds photos/artwork that depict the event (cite sources at the bottom)** * **Edits and fact checks the script for historical accuracy**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Anchor #2**   * **Writes the closing to the newscast** * **Refers to visuals throughout the newscast** * **Maintains the Character of an Anchor** * **Dresses in Costume**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Director**   * **Organizes the script and group members for newscast** * **Plans/directs the action and transitions throughout the newscast**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Historical Figure**   * **Researches your historical figure** * **Writes interview responses for your figure** * **Develops/Acts like the historical character** * **Dresses in Costume**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Prop Manager**   * **Finds or makes props for the newscast** * **Finds and labels maps to be used in newscast** **(cite sources at the bottom)**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **News Correspondent**   * **Writes transitions from the newscast to the interview** * **Writes the interview questions** * **Maintains the character of a correspondent** * **Dresses in Costume**   **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Editor**   * **Collects and organizes newspaper report** * **Fact checking the research in the team report**   **\* The Editor is not solely responsible for researching/writing the newspaper report!**  **Group Member: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |