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The Texas Revolution Basics



This image shows Texas General Samuel Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto. It is a detail from the painting titled *The Battle of San Jacinto* which hangs in the Texas State Capitol. This painting was created in 1898 by Henry Arthur McArdle (1836-1908). This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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Vocabulary



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In 1820 Texas included a handful of immigrants from the United States and approximately 3000 **Tejanos**.



Juan Seguín (1806-1890) was a Tejano who did not want to live under the dictatorship of the Mexican president. Seguín survived the Alamo because he was the last messenger to leave it before the Mexicans attacked. He led Texian troops during the Battle of San Jacinto. After serving with the Texans, however, Seguín became disillusioned with the Anglo's control of the Texas government. During the Mexican War, he supported the Mexicans against the United States. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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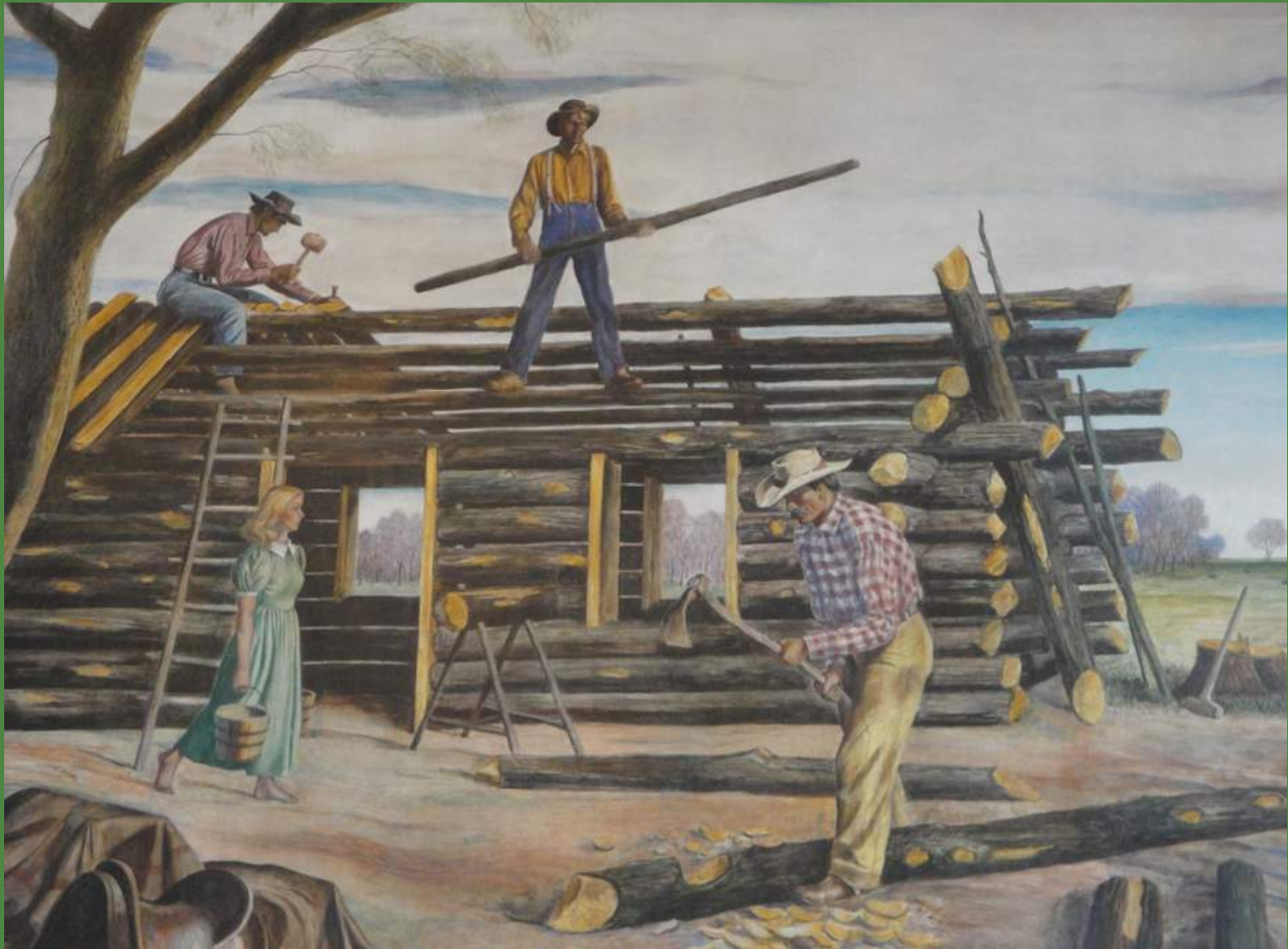
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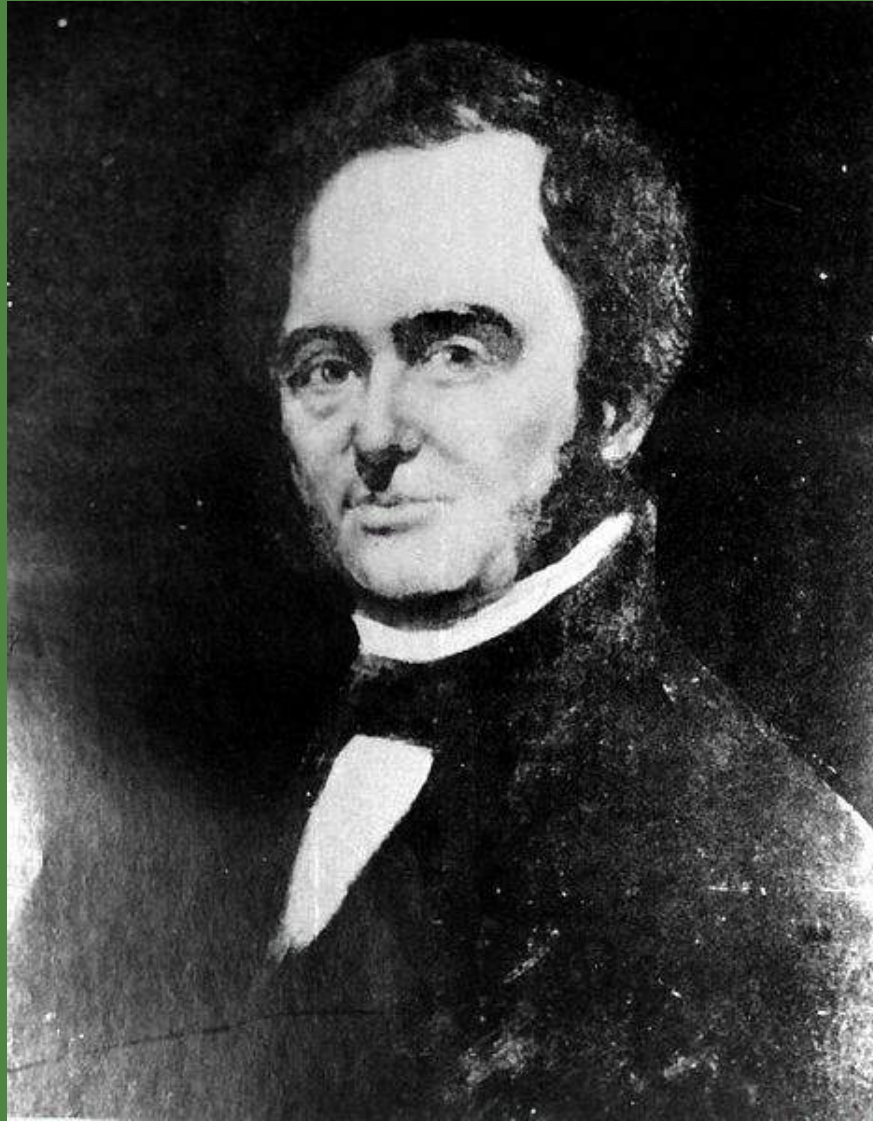
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Anglos had settled in Texas.



This is a detail from a mural titled "Pioneer Home Builders." It was created in 1940 by Peter Hurd as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. The mural hangs in the Dallas Terminal Annex Building in Dallas, Texas. This image is courtesy of texasescapes.com.

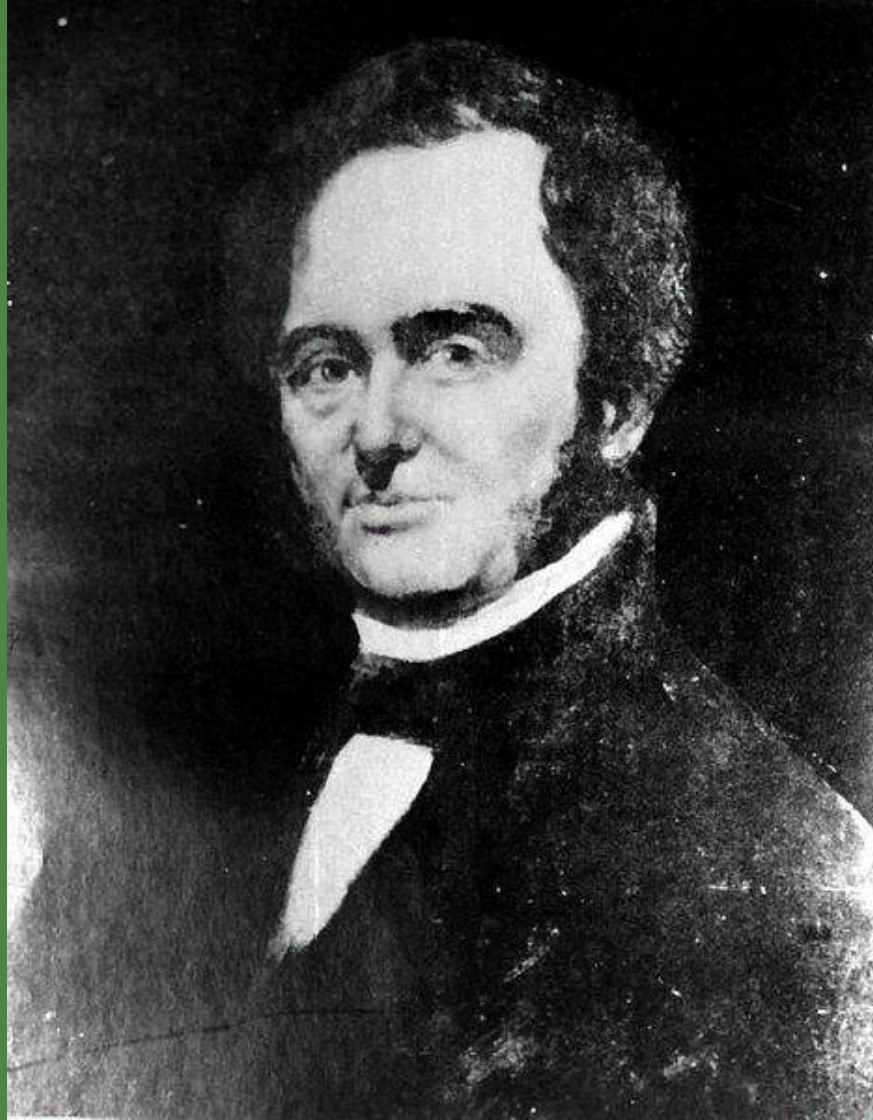
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Empressario Stephen F. Austin established the first Texas colonial settlements along the Brazos and the Colorado Rivers.



This image shows the Brazos River below Possum Kingdom Lake in Palo Pinto County, Texas in 2009. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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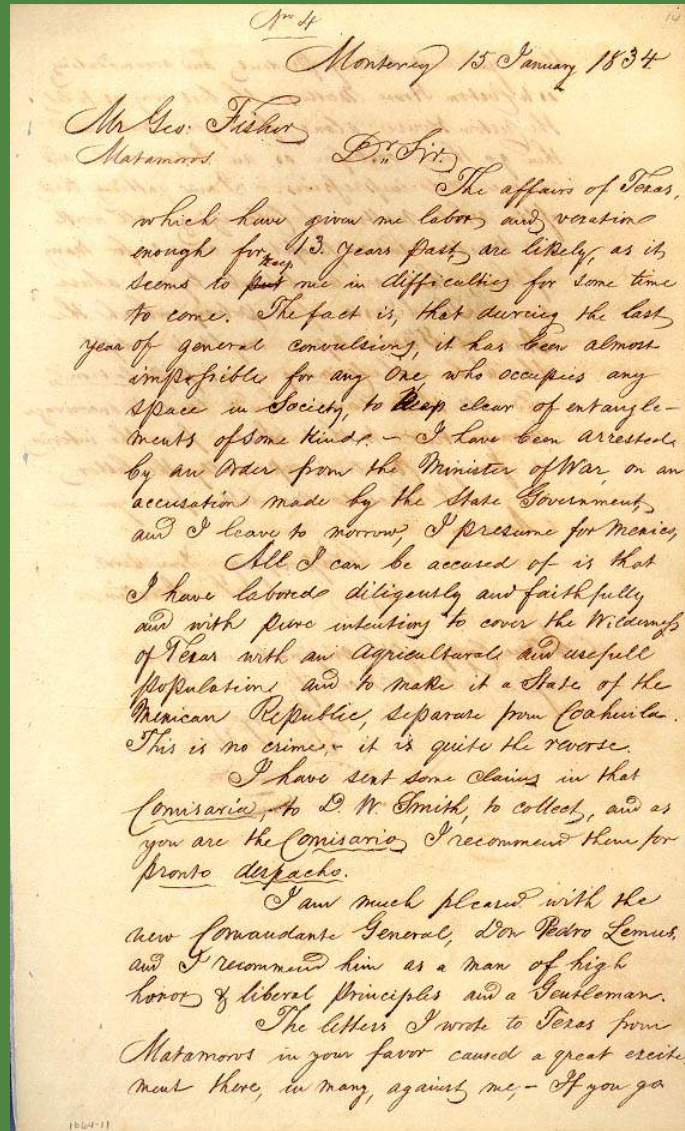
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Stephen F. Austin brought a petition to Santa Anna that listed **reforms** that included repeal of the ban against immigration and the creation of a separate Texas state.



No 4
Monday 15 January 1834

Mr Geo. Fisher
Matamoros

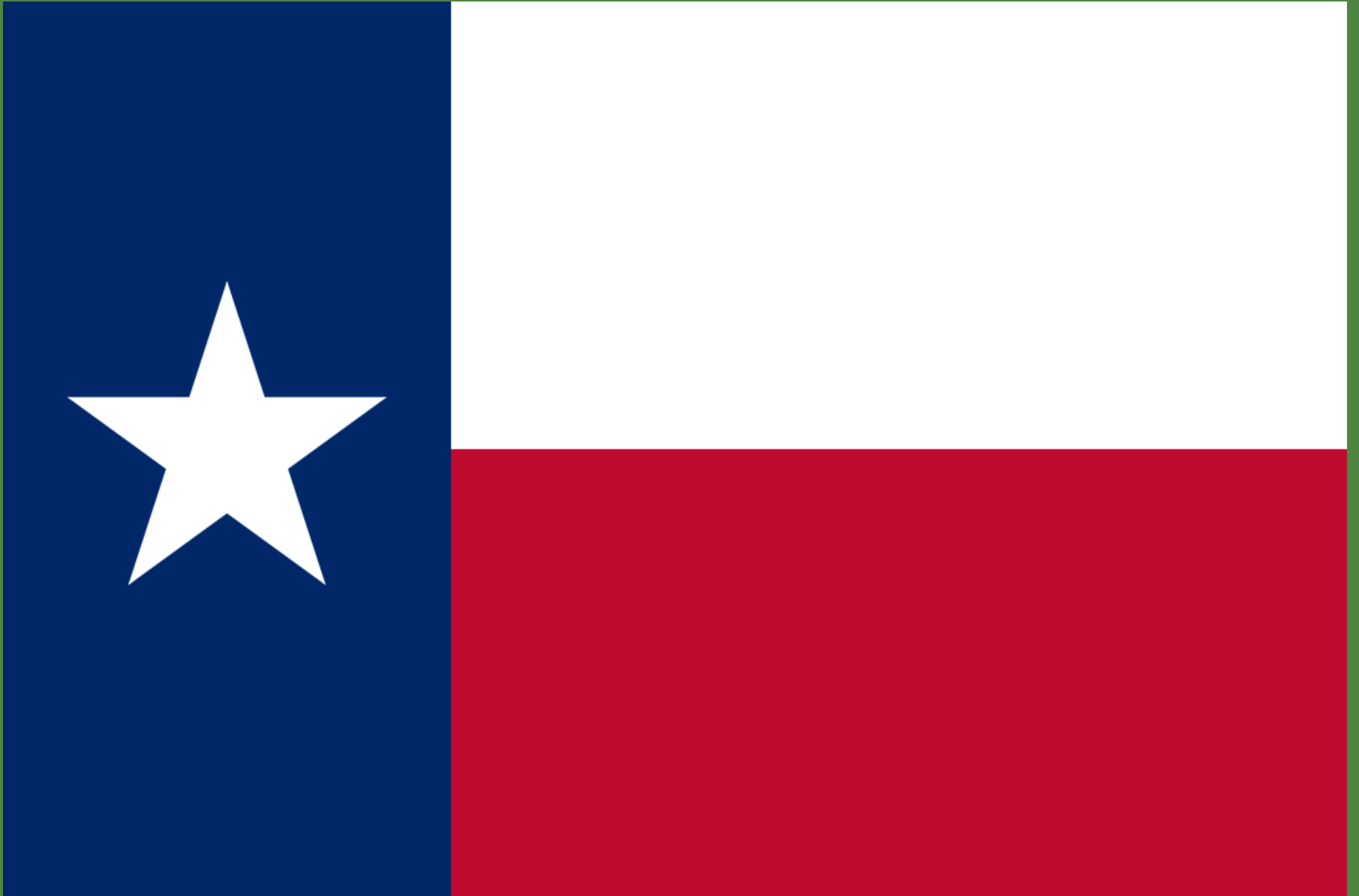
Don Sir,

The affairs of Texas, which have given me labor and vexation enough for 12 years past, are likely, as it seems to ^{keep} put me in difficulties for some time to come. The fact is, that during the last year of general convulsions, it has been almost impossible for any one who occupies any space in Society, to ~~keep~~ clear of entanglements of some kind. - I have been arrested by an Order from the Minister of War, on an accusation made by the State Government, and I leave to morrow, I presume for Mexico, All I can be accused of is that I have labored diligently and faithfully, and with pure intention to cover the wilderness of Texas with an Agricultural and useful population, and to make it a State of the Mexican Republic, separate from Coahuila. This is no crime, it is quite the reverse. I have sent some claims in that Comisario to D. W. Smith, to collect, and as you are the Comisario I recommend them for pronto despacho. I am much pleased with the new Commandante General, Don Pedro Lemus, and I recommend him as a man of high honor & liberal principles and a Gentleman. The letters I wrote to Texas from Matamoros in your favor caused a great excitement there, in many, against me. - If you go

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This is the first page of a letter that Stephen F. Austin wrote to George Fisher on January 15, 1834. At this time, Austin had presented his petition to Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the new leader of Mexico. This image is courtesy of tsl.texas.gov.

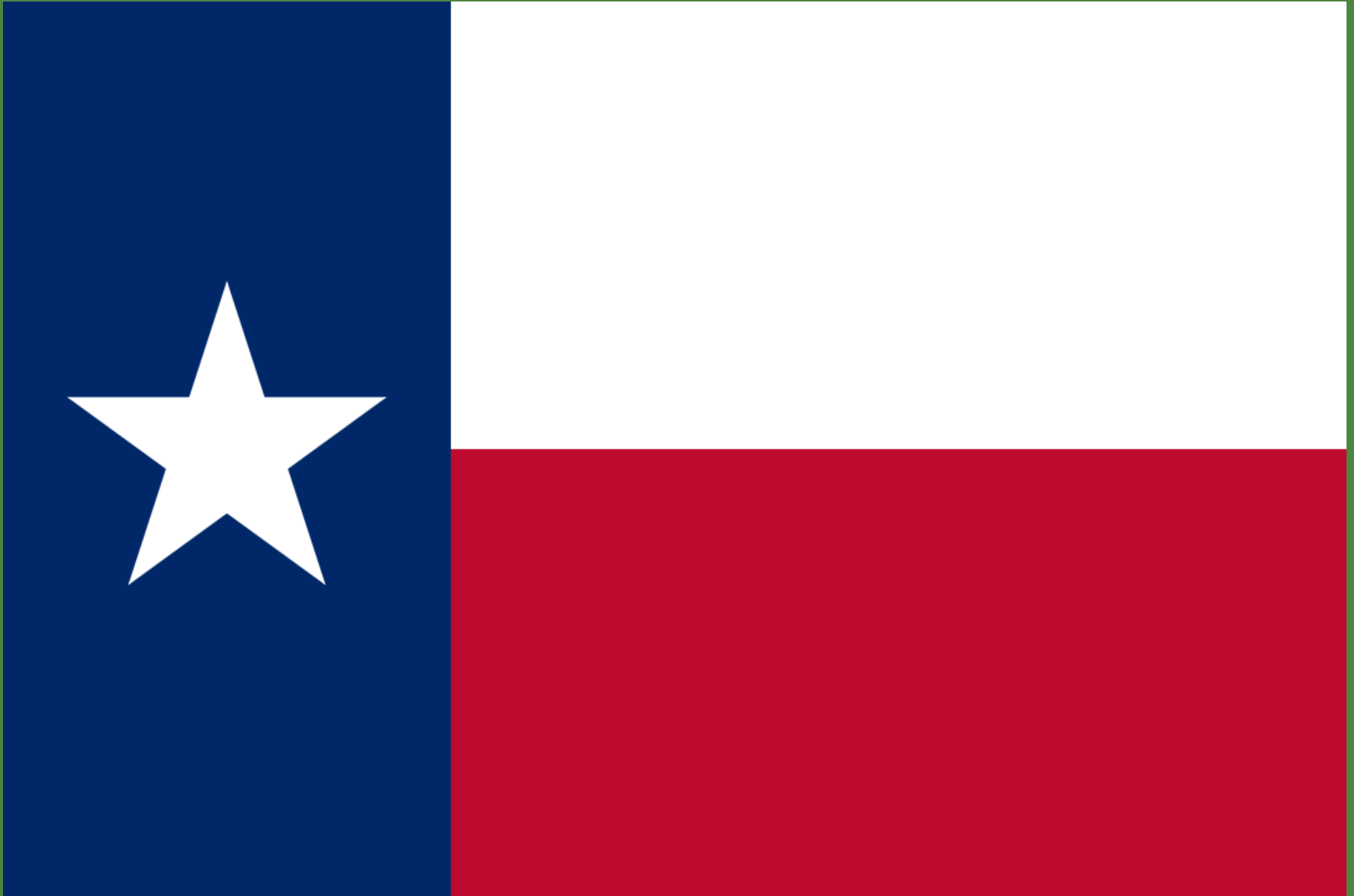
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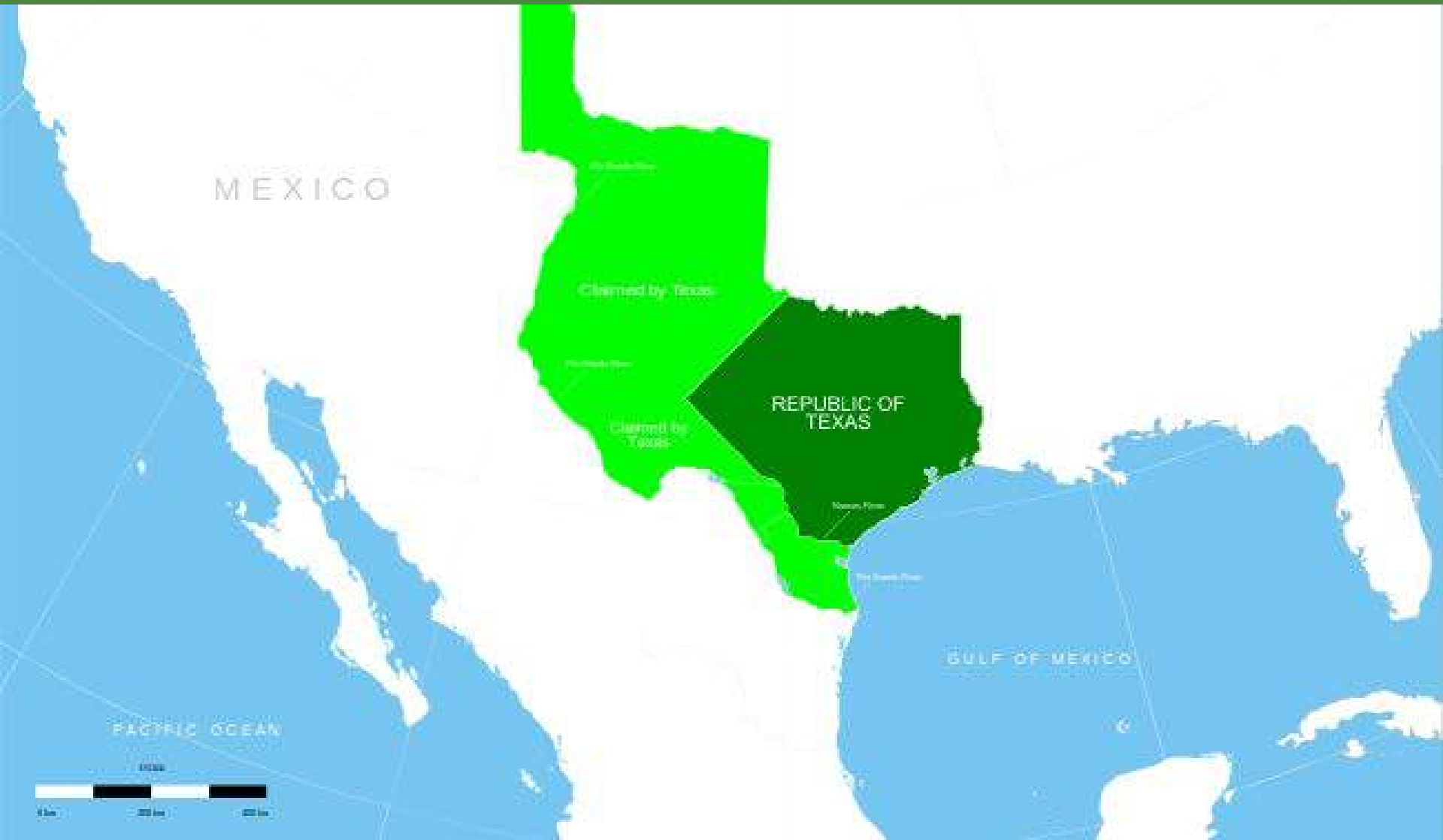
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When first formed, the **Lone Star Republic**, or Republic of Texas claimed more land than is part of the current State of Texas.



This image shows the lands claimed by the Republic of Texas. The area claimed by the Republic is in light green, while the dark green area was actually populated by Texians. This image was created by Raymond 1922A in 2013. This image is courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.

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People to Meet



This image is titled "Dawn at the Alamo." This image was created by Henry McArdle in 1905. This image is courtesy of the Texas State Library.

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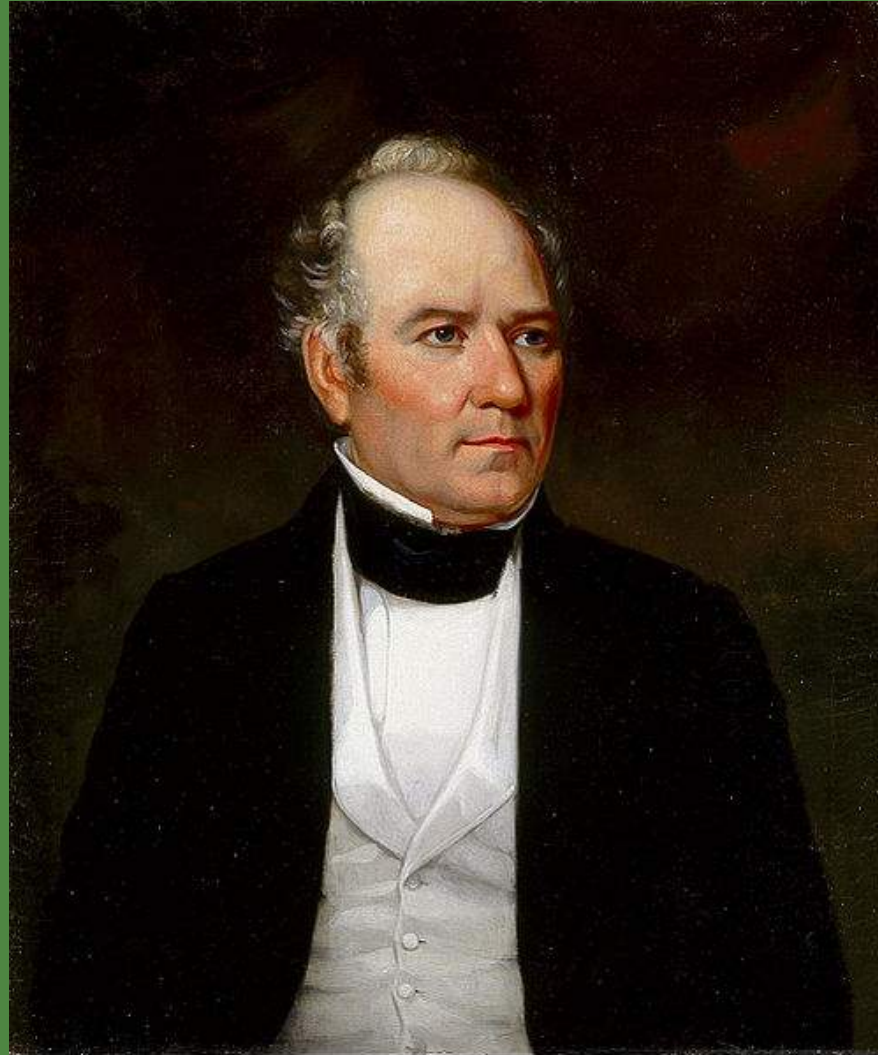
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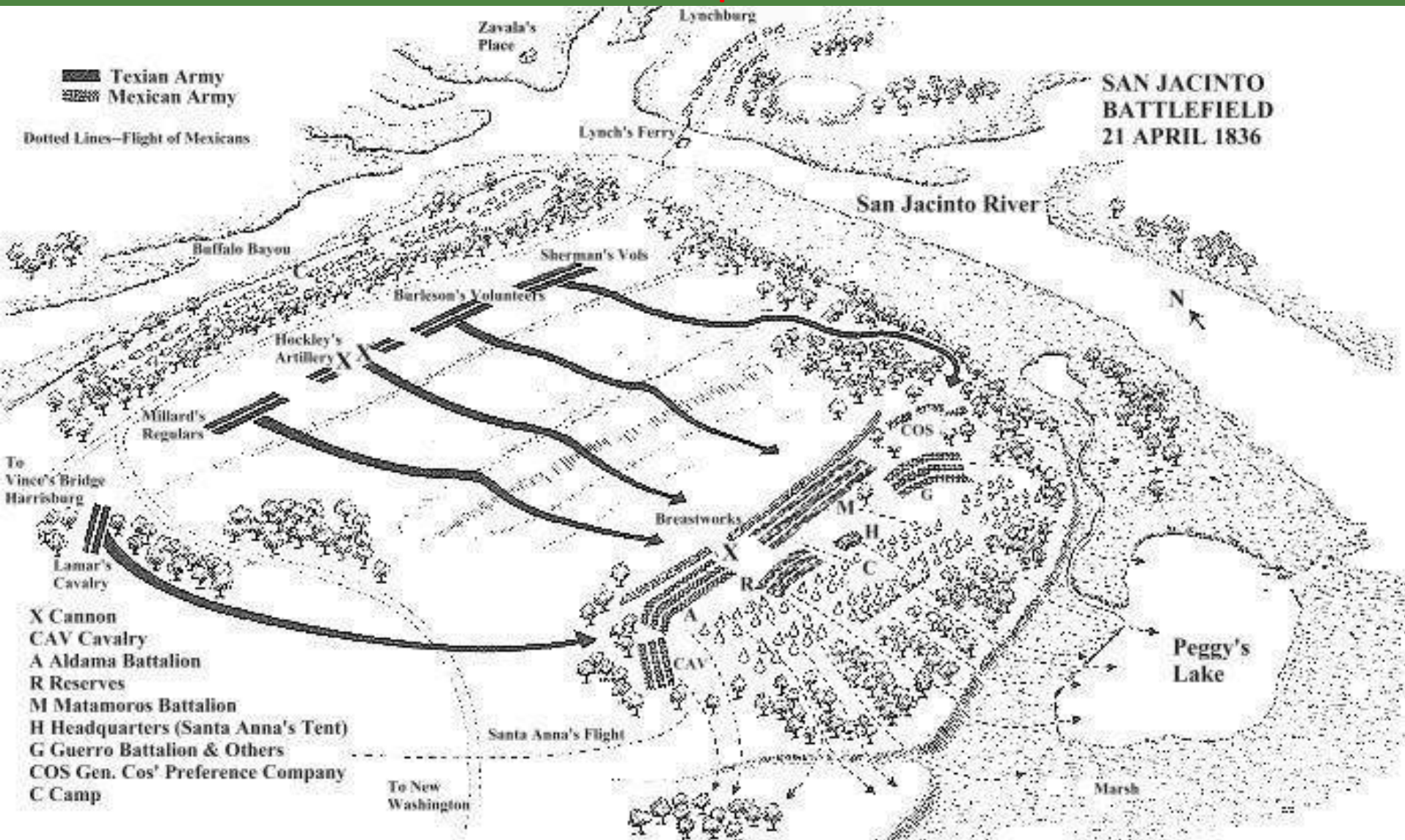
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Maps



The Battle of San Jacinto was the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. This image is courtesy of tamu.edu.

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Texas is now colored red. Texas was its own separate republic from 1836-1845. On December 29, 1845, Texas became the 28th State. This image shows the 50 States of the United States. This image is courtesy of the University of Texas.

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