

My Home, Terrific Texas

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Today I'll be telling you about my home... Texas, also called the Lone Star State. Texas gets its name from Native Americans, who, a long time ago called the group of land we know as Texas, Tejas. "It's [Texas is] also the nations' leading cattle, cotton, and oil producer." (Greenspan) But, let me begin with saying that Texas has a lot of background and rich history. Even before Texas joined the U.S.A., Texas was very busy.

Texas was busy defending itself from five different nations. Mexico was the second to last nation to take hold of Texas before it decided to stand up for itself. After a while under Mexico's hold, Texas had taken enough. Then was a war of independence at the Alamo. "There were pirates as well as heroes in Texas' past." (Ronan) But even with those pirates lurking about, Texas continued to fight, and eventually won independence. Then Texas set up their own government, flag, and became The Lone Star State. I think that Texas having been its own country, is something very unique about my state.

One time while Texas was still flying its own flag, Texas had a trash problem. The government came up with the slogan "Don't mess with Texas!" They put up signs in parks, by trash cans, on sidewalks, by and in buildings, etc. Visitors to Texas might not understand, but for people living in Texas, it worked. Fun fact, people liked this statement so much that it actually became our state's unofficial motto. "Don't mess with Texas!" became famous.

One thing I like about Texas is all the country areas. My grandparents have lots of land. Valleys, small meadows, and a creek. I like to go on hikes on their land, spot deer, pick up fossils and bones, and more! It's fun to feed the deer stuff like the tops of strawberries. It's nice to just sit on the porch and look at all the big trees, listen to the birds sing, and feel the warm sun hit you and let the nice breeze cool you off.

Even though I like the wildlife in Texas, I have to say my favorite thing about Texas since I've moved here has to be all the nice, talkative people I've met. But that makes sense because the states motto is "Friendship". I have made many friends since I moved, and I like the friendly people because I am a talker myself. I like how interactive most of the people are. It's nice. Texas is the third place that I have lived, and I really like Texas. Even if it might get hot in summer, it is a really pretty place to live.

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