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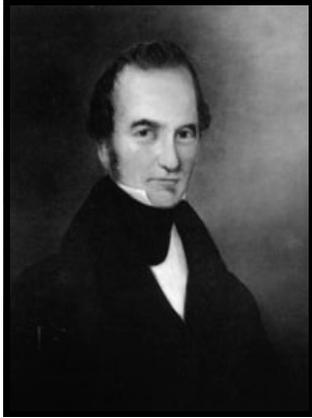
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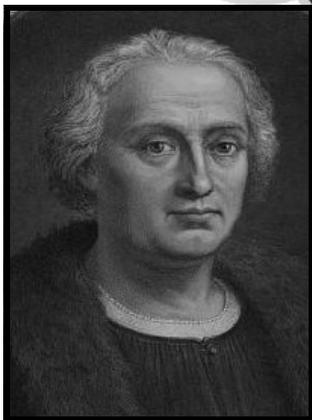


**Stephen F.
Austin**
(1793-1836)

I Spy...

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN, “The Father of Texas,” was born in Virginia and attended Transylvania University in Kentucky. He ran the family lead business and was elected to the Missouri Territorial Legislature in 1813. His father, Moses Austin, received a land grant for colonization in Texas, but he died in 1821. Stephen F. Austin received the land grant in place of his father. He was able to bring settlers to Texas by offering 960 acres of land to families, plus an additional 160 acres for each child, for about 12½ cents an acre. Three hundred families were in the first group of colonists. Austin often went to Mexico trying to obtain fair treatment for the colonists. He opposed the Texas Declaration of Independence and thought Texas should be a state of Mexico. After the revolution, Austin ran unsuccessfully for President of the Republic of Texas, but was later Secretary of State.

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**Christopher
Columbus**
(1451-1506)

I Spy...

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS was a famous explorer who thought he could sail west from Spain and reach India. From 1492 to 1506 he made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean. On his first voyage, he took three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. When he reached a Caribbean island on October of 1492, Columbus thought he had reached India, so he called the native people Indians. Columbus realized that this was new land that no one knew about, so he returned to Spain in March of 1493. On his second voyage (1493-1496) he took 17 ships and over 1000 men, and returned to what is now the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Columbus sailed further south, along the coast of South America, on his third expedition (1498-1500). On his final voyage (1502-1504), he sailed to Central America. Though Columbus didn't find Asia, his voyages did make Europeans more aware of the New World.

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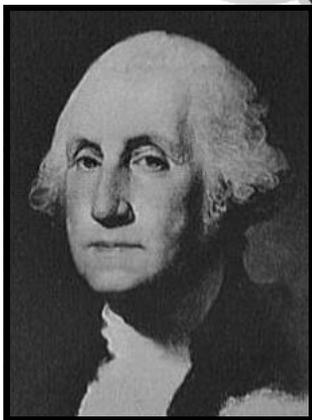


**Jose Antonio
Navarro**
(1795-1871)

I Spy...

JOSE ANTONIO NAVARRO was born in Bexar (now San Antonio). As an elected legislator of the Mexican government, he supported Texas statehood. He believed that colonization of Texas was the key to independence and he supported Stephen F. Austin's efforts. In 1836 he was one of three Tejano (Texans of Mexican descent) signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence and later helped draft the Texas Constitution. As a representative to the Texas legislature, Navarro tried to protect the rights of Tejanos. Navarro led an expedition to New Mexico to urge its citizens to join the Republic of Texas. Instead, he and others were captured, sent to Mexico, and sentenced to death, but he managed to escape and return to Texas. A patriot to the end, Navarro urged Mexican Americans to protect their cultural heritage by participating in the political system.

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**George
Washington**
(1732-1799)

I Spy...

GEORGE WASHINGTON was the first President of the United States. Born on a Virginia plantation, he learned at an early age to be a gentleman, mind his manners, and always be truthful. He was interested in two things – the military and exploring untamed lands in the west. By 1759, Washington had his own plantation named Mount Vernon and was married to Martha Custis. When the Second Continental Congress met in 1775, George Washington was named commander in chief of the Continental Army. The American Revolution lasted six years, but the Continental Army defeated the British, and the United States became an independent nation. George Washington served as chairman of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and was elected the first President of the United States. In 1799 he died at Mount Vernon.

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