

# Texas Capitol Visitors Center

## Teacher Guide

### 3rd Grade Hero Tour

The Capitol Visitors Center is housed in the restored 1856 General Land Office building, the oldest state office building in Texas. The Visitors Center is located on the southeast corner of the Capitol Grounds. **FREE** guided tours are offered daily.



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The Capitol Visitors Center offers free tours for students of all ages. This 3rd Grade Hero tour serves as an introduction to Texas history and is aligned with TEKS standards. Through interactive exhibits and activities students learn about Texas heroes and the roles they have played in shaping our community.

#### The tour features the following activities:

***A Hero's Rewards:*** A hands-on exhibit about the diverse heroes of the Texas Revolution.

***Computer Kiosks:*** Interactive stations featuring Texas symbols, history timeline and a virtual tour of the Capitol.

***Texas Capitol-Building for the Ages:*** A new video revealing the unique history, function and architecture of the Texas statehouse.

Here is what teachers have to say about their tour experience...

- ★ "The tour supports our social studies curriculum."
- ★ All exhibits and activities were really great, interactive and informative."
- ★ "We enjoyed our visit to the Capitol Visitors Center! Staff was great!"
- ★ "It was great that all the kids got to pick someone to be."

The tour meets the following 3rd grade Social Studies TEKS objectives:

-  3.1A, 1B & 1C
-  3.3A & 3B
-  3.9A
-  3.11A & 11C
-  3.12A
-  3.14A & 14B
-  3.17A & 17E
-  3.18A



Susanna Dickinson, one of the featured Texas heroes. Courtesy Texas State Library and Archives Commission