

Symbols of Texas *Timeline Activity*

Name _____

Use the timeline to complete the chart below.

1839 – The Lone Star flag became the state flag of Texas

1845 – The state seal was adopted

1901 – The bluebonnet was adopted as the state flower

1919 – The pecan tree became the state tree

1927 – The mockingbird was adopted as the state bird

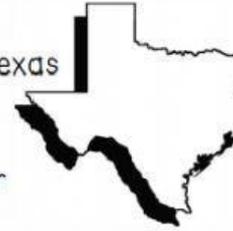
1977 – Chili was designated the state dish

1980 – The Guadalupe Bass became the state fish

1993 – The Horned Lizard became the state reptile

1995 – The longhorn, Mexican Free-tail bat, armadillo, monarch butterfly, jalapeno, & prickly pear cactus all became state symbols

2003 – Chips and salsa was adopted as the state snack



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| 1. | 1839 | |
| 2. | 1845 | |
| 3. | | <i>The bluebonnet was adopted as the state flower</i> |
| 4. | 1919 | |
| 5. | | <i>The mockingbird was adopted as the state bird</i> |
| 6. | 1977 | |
| 7. | 1980 | |
| 8. | | <i>The Horned Lizard became the state reptile</i> |
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| 10. | 2003 | |

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Symbols of Texas



State Flag

- Adopted in 1839 as the flag of the Republic of Texas
- Known as the "Lone Star" flag
- Blue represents loyalty
- Red represents bravery
- White represents purity

ADOPTED IN 1839 THE FLAG OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE _____.

State Seal

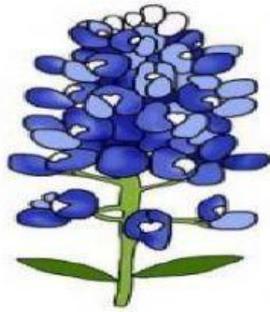
Seal of Texas



- Adopted through the 1845 Texas Constitution
- The oak branch represents strength
- The olive branch represents peace

WHEN WAS THE STATE OF TEXAS SEAL ADOPTED _____

State Flower
Bluebonnet



- It became the state flower in 1901
- Grow wild in Texas
- Bloom in late March and April

WHAT YEAR DID THE BLUEBONNET BECOME THE STATE FLOWER AND WHAT MONTHS DOES IT BLOOM _____ AND _____.

State Insect
Monarch Butterfly



It became the state insect in 1995
It is the only species of butterflies
that does not hibernate
It migrates during the winter

The monarch butterfly became the state insect in 1995 it is the only butterfly that does not _____.

State Large Mammal
Longhorn



- It became the state large mammal in 1995
- Their long horns can grow to be six feet from tip to tip
- They are a lean breed of cattle
- The Texas longhorn almost became extinct in the 1920s

The longhorn became the state large mammal in _____

How long can the horns grow to be _____

They are a lean breed of _____

State Small Mammal
Armadillo



- It became the state small mammal in 1995
- The nine-banded armadillo is the small mammal of Texas
- They dig burrows and also dig for food
- They're the size of a cat
- They roll into a ball for protection

It became the state small mammal in _____

They dig for _____ and _____

They are the size of a _____

They roll into a ball for _____

State Flying Mammal
**Mexican
Free-tail Bat**



- It became the state flying mammal in 1995
- They mostly roost in caves, but may choose attics, buildings, or bridges
- They eat insects during the night
- Most of them migrate south to Central America and Mexico during the winter

When did the Mexican free tailed bat become the states flying mammal _____? Where does it live _____

It eats _____ .

State Bird
Mockingbird



- It became the state bird in 1927
- It is a songbird that can also imitate the songs of other birds
- They sing both day and night
- They feed on insects, wild fruits, and weed seeds

The Mocking bird became the state bird in _____

They sing both _____ and _____.

They feed on _____, _____, and _____.

State Tree
Pecan



- It became the state tree in 1919
- Large tree that can grow up to 140 feet tall
- It produces a fruit, the pecan

The Pecan tree became the state tree of Texas in _____

How tall can the Pecan tree grow _____

It produces a fruit call the _____

State Reptile
Horned Lizard



- It became the state reptile in 1993
- They prefer to live in places that are hot
- Its coloration helps it to blend in with their environment
- When threatened, they can shoot a stream of blood from its eye

It became the state reptile in _____

It prefers places that are _____

When they feel threatened they shoot _____ from their eyes.

State Fish
Guadalupe Bass



- It became the state fish in 1980
- They are found in flowing water
- They are only found in Texas

The Guadalupe Bass became the state fish in _____, they are found in _____.

State Plant
Prickly Pear



- It became the state plant in 1995
- Twenty different varieties of it can be found all over Texas
- It is both a vegetable and a fruit

It became the state flower in 1995, there are over _____, different varieties, it is both a vegetable and _____.

State Dish

Chili



- It became the state dish in 1977
- It can be made out of various meats and beans
- Served hot

What year did it become the state dish _____

State Snack

Chips and Salsa



- It became the state snack in 2003
- Salsa is the Spanish word for "sauce"
- Tortilla chips are made from dried, ground kernels of corn
- Salsa is made from tomatoes, onions, and peppers

Chips and salsa became the state snack in _____. It has Tortilla chips that are made from dried kernels of _____, and salsa made from tomatoes onions, and _____

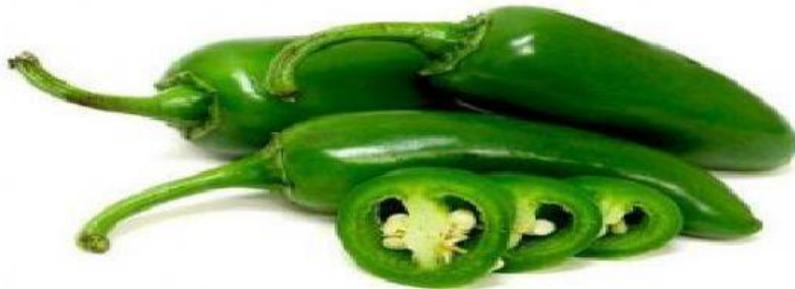
State Fruit
**Texas Red
Grapefruit**



- It became the state fruit in 1993
- It is believed to be a cross between a plummelo and an orange
- The Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit is the first grapefruit rewarded with a patent

IT became the state fruit in _____ it is crossed with a _____ and _____.

State Pepper
Jalapeno



- It became the state pepper in 1995
- It's a medium-sized chili pepper
- Compared to other chili peppers, it is considered to be mild

It became the state pepper in _____

The Jalapeno is a _____ pepper.