# READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



## Texas Independence (8.8.6)

## Background:

In 1836, Texas became its own country after declaring independence from Mexico. Historians still debate the reasons why Texans decided to declare independence from Mexico.

### Prompt:

Based on your reading of the documents, explain why historians still debate the question: Why did Texans declare independence from Mexico in 1836?

#### Task:

In a well thought out response:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Use the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Write an explanation of your thesis based on conclusions reached from reading the documents.