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## Texas Through Time: A Journey into Its Rich History

### Short Answer Key

1. Stephen F. Austin played a key role in Texas history as an empresario who brought American colonists to Texas. His impact was significant in American colonization, leading to the establishment of Anglo-American settlements in Texas.
2. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed in 1848, ended the Mexican-American War and established the Rio Grande as the border between Texas and Mexico. It also recognized Texas as part of the United States.
3. During the Reconstruction era, Texas faced challenges such as political and social upheaval, economic difficulties, and efforts to rebuild after the Civil War. Reconstruction aimed to address issues related to slavery, civil rights, and the integration of formerly enslaved individuals into society.
4. The discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901 led to a significant economic transformation in Texas. It resulted in a boom in the oil industry, attracting investments and spurring economic growth, which eventually made Texas an oil-rich state.
5. Texas' cultural diversity is reflected in its cuisine, including Tex-Mex and barbecue, as well as its music genres like country, blues, and Tejano. Traditions such as rodeos and cultural festivals showcase the state's multicultural heritage.

