

TEKS Alignment (1st-2nd Grade)

Jazzy Explores Texas

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This resource aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards for Social Studies, English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR), and Science for grades 1-2. The book's engaging rhyming text and detailed illustrations of Texas cities, landmarks, and culture make it an ideal classroom resource.

Social Studies TEKS (2024-2025)

Geography

TEKS Code	Standard	Book Connection
1.4(A)	Create and use simple maps such as maps of the home, classroom, school, and community	Journey across Texas from Austin to Corpus Christi following Jazzy's route
1.4(B)	Locate and explore the community, Texas, and the United States on maps and globes	10 major Texas cities identified with geographic descriptions
1.5(A)	Identify and describe physical characteristics of place such as landforms, bodies of water	Rio Grande, Gulf of Mexico, Brazos River, Lady Bird Lake, High Plains, Permian Basin
2.4(A)	Identify major landforms and bodies of water on maps and globes	Detailed references to rivers, lakes, bays, and coastal regions throughout Texas
2.4(B)	Locate places including Texas, the state capital on maps and globes	Austin identified as state capital; major cities mapped across regions

History

TEKS Code	Standard	Book Connection
1.2(A)	Identify contributions of historical figures including Sam Houston who have influenced the state	Houston named for General Sam Houston, first president of Texas
2.1(B)	Identify and explain the significance of various state landmarks such as monuments	The Alamo, state capitol, missions, NASA Space Center, presidential library

Citizenship

TEKS Code	Standard	Book Connection
1.13(A)	Explain state and national patriotic symbols including the Texas flag and the Alamo	Texas flag, Lone Star imagery, the Alamo as symbol of freedom

2.11(D)	Identify symbols such as state birds and flowers	Cultural symbols throughout: bluebonnets, longhorns, rodeos, state pride
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Culture

TEKS Code	Standard	Book Connection
1.14(A)	Describe and explain the importance of beliefs, language, and traditions of families and communities	Fiesta celebrations, Midnight Yell rally, State Fair traditions, RodeoHouston
2.12(A)	Identify the significance of various ethnic and/or cultural celebrations	Fiesta de las Flores (El Paso), Fiesta (San Antonio), diverse Texas heritage

English Language Arts and Reading TEKS

TEKS Code	Standard	Book Connection
1.9(B)	Discuss rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration in a variety of poems	Entire book written in engaging rhyming couplets with consistent rhythm
1.6(E)	Make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society	Students connect their own Texas experiences to cities and landmarks in book
1.3(B)	Use illustrations and texts to learn or clarify word meanings	Rich watercolor illustrations support vocabulary (metroplex, mission, UNESCO)
2.9(D)	Recognize characteristics of informational text including features and graphics	Combines literary poetry with informational content about Texas geography and history

Science TEKS

TEKS Code	Standard	Book Connection
1.10(C)	Compare properties of puddles, ponds, streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans	Lady Bird Lake, Brazos River, Gulf of Mexico, Lake Palestine - varied water bodies
1.12(A)	Classify living and nonliving things based upon whether they have basic needs	Bats (Austin), roses (Tyler), cotton (Lubbock), wildlife references throughout

Classroom Extension Activities

The following supplemental activities are available to extend learning:

Texas Backseat Bingo: Printable road trip activity cards featuring Texas landmarks from the book (TEKS 1.4B, 1.5A)

City Word Search: Vocabulary building with Texas city names and landmarks (TEKS 1.3B)

Texas-Shaped Maze: Problem-solving activity tracing Jazzy's journey (TEKS 1.4A)

Coloring Pages: City illustrations for creative expression (Art TEKS 1.2C)

Standards aligned with Texas Education Agency TEKS effective 2024-2025 school year.