

Middle School Lesson Plan

History Grade 7

OBJECTIVE

1. Students will examine the historical significance of the Lydia Ann Lighthouse in Texas coastal history.
2. Analyze primary sources.
3. Discuss the impact of technological advancements on navigation.

TEKS ADDRESSED

Social Studies (7.5) - History: 7.5 The student understands how events and issues shaped the history of Texas during the Civil War and Reconstruction.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

On the orders of Confederate General John Bankhead Magruder, Confederate forces attempted to blow up the lighthouse in December of 1862 so it could not be used by the Union in an attempt to reach the coast of Texas.

PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

Present primary sources such as historical maps, letters, or journal entries related to the construction and operation of the Lydia Ann Lighthouse. Guide students in analyzing these sources for insights into life on the Texas coast in the 19th century.

FIELD TRIP

Take a tour on the Scarlet Lady to see Lydia Ann Lighthouse, focusing on its architectural features and its

role in maritime history.

DISCUSSION

Lead a class discussion on the impact of lighthouses on navigation and commerce in the 19th century, highlighting how the Lydia Ann Lighthouse contributed to the growth of Texas ports.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Assign students to research other lighthouses along the Texas coast and compare their historical significance to that of the Lydia Ann Lighthouse.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed based on their participation in class discussions, the quality of their primary source analysis, and the thoroughness of their research project.