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## Teacher Training Seminar on New Online Curriculum Guide set for June 11

Educating the public about Texas's unique history is a primary mission of the San Jacinto Museum of History Association, and in January 2013, the Museum released its in-depth online "<u>Curriculum Guide for Teaching Texas History</u>" and <u>Image Gallery</u>.

Written by educational consultant Yvonne Jackson Pittman, with contributions from San Jacinto Museum Curator Elizabeth Appleby and Library Director Lisa Struthers, the 400-page curriculum guide provides 90 complete lessons and over 40 student activities; more than 500 related images in the associated online Image Gallery; and many special sections that go beyond the TEKS requirements with activities and enrichment materials that highlight some of the museum's diverse collections.

Response from teachers has been so positive that the San Jacinto Museum staff is going to sponsor a free Teacher Training Seminar on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the San Jacinto Museum of History, One Monument Circle, La Porte, Texas 77571-9585.

Advance reservations are required by sending registration information (including name, position, school/district, e-mail and phone) to San Jacinto Museum Curator Elizabeth Appleby at <u>curator@sanjacinto-museum.org</u> or by phone at 281.479.2421.

Class size will be limited to the first 40 participants that register. Participants will also be given a ticket for all museum venues so they can stay afterwards to tour the collections; parking at the monument is free.

MORE ON THE CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IMAGE GALLERY: Created in response to the recently revised Texas Education Agency objectives known as Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)—the state standards for what students should know and be able to do—the goal of the curriculum guide and Image Gallery is to enhance Texas history courses with primary and secondary documents, and many artifacts from the vast collections of the San Jacinto Museum.

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The San Jacinto Museum of History Association is a non-profit organization which owns all the artifacts, library and museum items and manages/operates all aspects of the San Jacinto Museum, which is housed in the San Jacinto Monument on the grounds of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte, Texas.

For more information about the curriculum guide, the Teacher Seminar, the San Jacinto Museum of History or the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment, please call 281.479.2421 or visit *www.sanjacinto-museum.org*.