## Key People in the "Road to Texas Independence"

Susanna Dickinson One of the few survivors of the Alamo Allowed to go free because hadn't participated in the fighting. Santa Anna wanted survivors to spread the story of what happened at the Alamo	William B Travis Colonel and hero at the Battle of the Alamo Authored famous letter from Alamo which rallied support for Texans (support did not come)	Santa Anna The dictator of Mexico who led the Mexican army during the Texas Revolution Commander of Mexican army at the Alamo. He was captured at the Battle of San Jacinto and signed the peace treaty at Velasco	Sam Houston General of regular Texas army during the Revolution  Commander at San Jacinto & became first president of the Republic of Texas
David Burnet Served as the President of Texas during the ad interim government	General Martin Perfecto de Cos Mexican General married to Santa Anna's sister Surrendered San Antonio to Texans after a 56 day siege, which sparked Santa Anna's entry into Texas	Juan Sequin Formed a group of nearly 40 Tejanos to help fight before Battle of Alamo His group helped to capture San Antonio Left the siege at the Alamo to get more volunteers	James Bowie Invented the "Bowie Knife" Was sent to the Alamo to see if fort should be defended or destroyed Would rather die than give up the Alamo
David Crockett Came to defend the Alamo from Tennessee with 12 riflemen Was an expert riflemen. Died defending the Alamo	George Childress Author of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Sent to Washington D.C. in an attempt to get the U.S. government to recognize Texas as an independent country.	Samuel McCulloch Free African American, wounded at the Battle of Goliad. Known as the first Texan casualty of the Texas Revolution	Stephen F Austin-Father of Texas Sent to the U.S. to get money, weapons, and men for the war effort.
Erasmus "Deaf" Smith Captured a Mexican courier at Battle of San Jacinto Courier had Santa Anna's plansOOOPS for him. The Texans knew what they were up against thanks to this guy	Lorenzo de Zavala Established a colony in Texas and helped write the Mexican Constitution of 1824; He participated in Convention of 1836 and served as vice-president of interim govt. during Revolution	James Fannin Commander at Goliad where his troops were captured and executed by order of Santa Anna. He was executed last. "Remember Goliad" became a Texas battle cry	James Bonham Broke through the Mexican lines at the Alamo to deliver a letter asking Fannin to bring his forces from Goliad Returned to tell that Fannin could not come to help at the Alamo