

# The Twelve Days of Christmas in **Texas**

by Janie Bynum

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## C U R R I C U L U M T I E - I N S

*The Twelve Days of Christmas in Texas* (written and illustrated by native Texan Janie Bynum) provides a springboard for all kinds of history, social studies, geography and science lessons. Full of fun Texas facts, sights, people and animals—students from Pre-K through upper grade school will enjoy learning about Texas. Of course *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Texas* song\* is a fun musical activity to enjoy in December. But this book has many year-round teaching “moments” packed between its hardbound covers!

**Geography / Social Studies:** The road trip takes the kids and grandparents all around Texas—from Dallas through a little of east Texas, down to the shores of Galveston, over to Austin and San Antonio, down to Kingsville/Corpus Christi, then over to Big Bend and up to Amarillo and back down through Glen Rose and over to Fort Worth—ending up back in Dallas.

The four or five very different regions of Texas can be explored in terms of terrain, weather, culture, cuisine, crops/industry.

What foods and festivals derive from diverse cultures—especially Hispanic? (German culture isn’t mentioned in the book, but the topic could be used to expand the discussion.)

**Science:** Report or discussion topics could include all the flora and fauna mentioned in the book; What are the Marfa Lights (mentioned on the bulletin board in the back)?

**The bulletin board** in the back of the book is covered with many posters of Texas legends and cultural icons that can be used as springboards for all sorts of discussion topics (music, art, science, history, sports, social studies and more).

**Six mini biographies** of famous Texans and a Spanish glossary are also included at the back of the book.

\*Go to [www.janiebynum.com/materials](http://www.janiebynum.com/materials) to download a lyrics sheet.

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