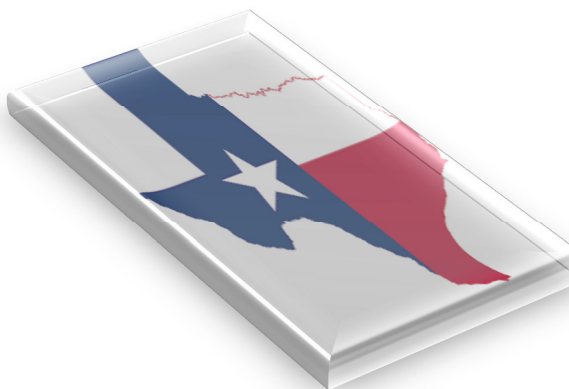# HOUSTON!

Petroleum, Space and Health industries

Texas

Houston, Texas, is the fourth most populous city in the United States and has 2.1 million residents. The metropolitan area around Houston has more than 6 million residents. Houston is a very large city, but it isn't the capital of Texas (Austin is the capital).

Houston was founded in 1836 and incorported as a city in 1837. The name 'Houston' comes from General Sam Houston, who was the first Presidente of the Republic of Texas.

Houston

Currently in Houston, 26% of the population is White, 25% is Hispanic, 24% is Black and 6% is American Indian. The rest of the population consider themselves as 'other'.

Houston's history goes around industry, specially petroleum and the space and health industries. In 1901 the oil was discovered in Texas. The aerospace industry arrived in Houston in 1961 with the construction of the NASA Space Center. Additionally, in the past 50 years, Houston has been a center for biomedical research. The Texas Medical Center is the largest concentration of facilities in the world.

Some places you can visit are:

- Space Center Houston
- Houston Zoo
- Hermann Park
- Toyota Center
- Houston Museum of Natural Science
- The Children's Museum of Houston

New Vocabulary

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

Answer the questions

1. What is the capital of Texas?

_____

2. How many people live in Houston?

_____

3. When was Houston founded?

_____

4. Where does its name come from?

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5. Why is Houston an important city?

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The Houston Museum of Natural Science

Houston Zoo

Say true or false

1. Houston is the most populous city in Texas. True – False

2. Houston is not the capital of Texas True – False

3. The NASA is responsible for the aerospace industry True – False

4. More than 25% of the population in Houston is Hispanic True - False

Project

Choose one of the places listed above and

1) Find information like activities, etc,

2) Make a written report,

3) Be ready to present it to the class.

Thank you and good luck!