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Texas State Symbols Coloring Book

Hello kids! Welcome to the Texas State Symbols Coloring Book! Did you know that Texas has many symbols that represent our great state? They must be approved by lawmakers from the House of Representatives, the Senate and finally, the Governor of Texas. Learn about some of the state symbols by coloring and reading about them here. Let's get started!

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Texas State Bird
Mockingbird

Student:	Date:

Description:

The mockingbird was adopted as the official state bird by the Texas Legislature in 1927. It is found in all parts of the state. And like any true Texan, the mockingbird is known as a fierce protector of its home and environment. If a person or an animal gets too close to its nest, the mockingbird will swoop down on the predator. The song of the mockingbird is actually the calls made by other birds.

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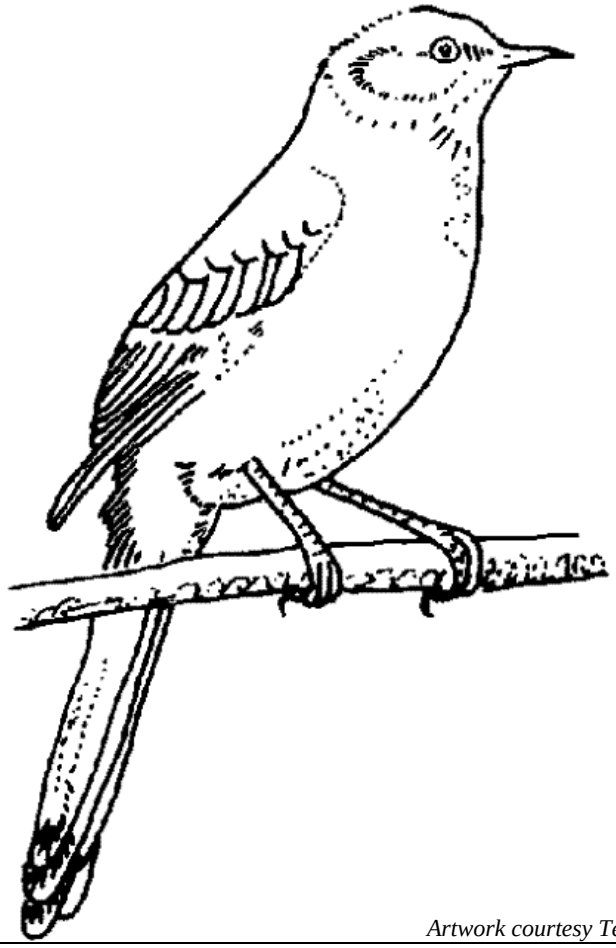

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Texas State Dinosaur
Pleurocoelus

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Pleurocoelus was adopted as the official state dinosaur by the Texas Legislature in 1997. It is believed the Pleurocoelus roamed the area near Glen Rose in North Central Texas, 105 million years ago. You can see its fossilized footprints at Dinosaur Valley State Park. The Pleurocoelus was a 50-foot long plant-eater and weighed 10 tons.

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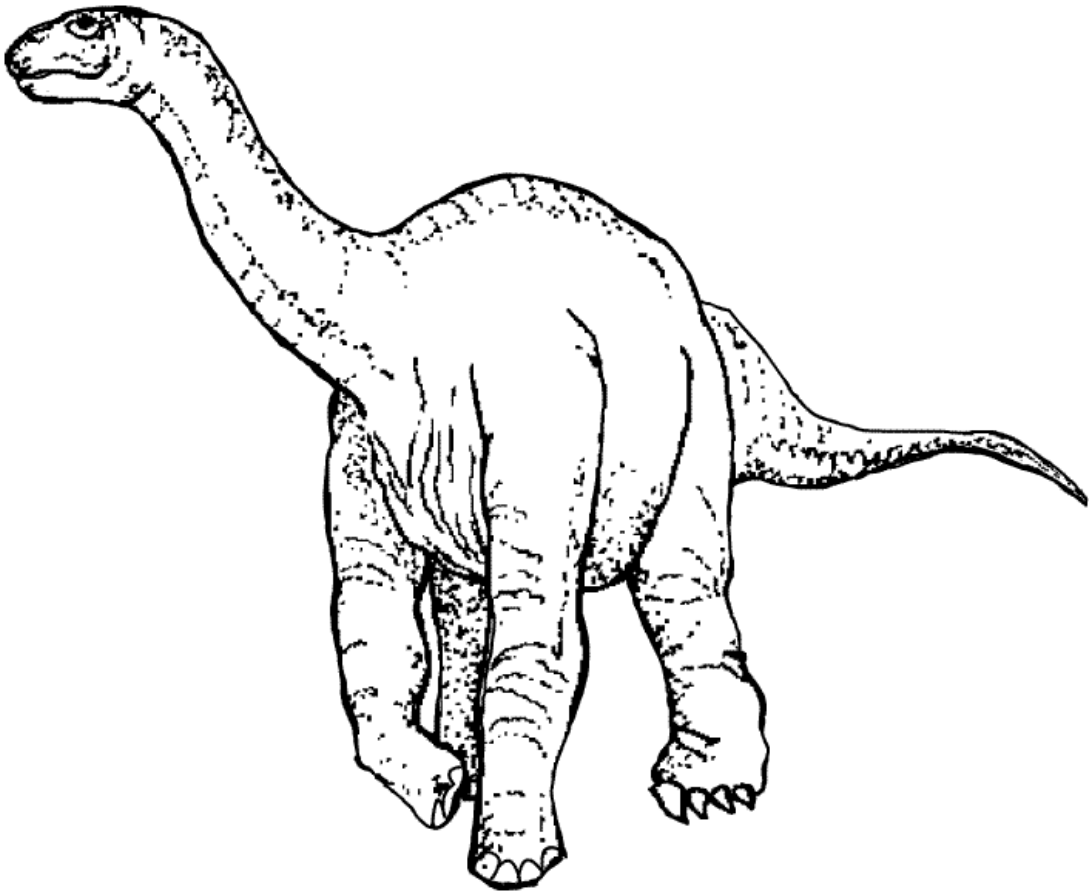

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Texas State Dish
Chili

Student:	Date:

Description:

Chili was adopted as the official state dish by the Texas Legislature in 1977. This spicy meat stew is a favorite of Texans and is featured at chili cook-offs throughout the state. Whether it's mild, hot or three-alarm, there are many kinds of chili to tempt the taste buds. But usually people in Texas like it hot! How about you?

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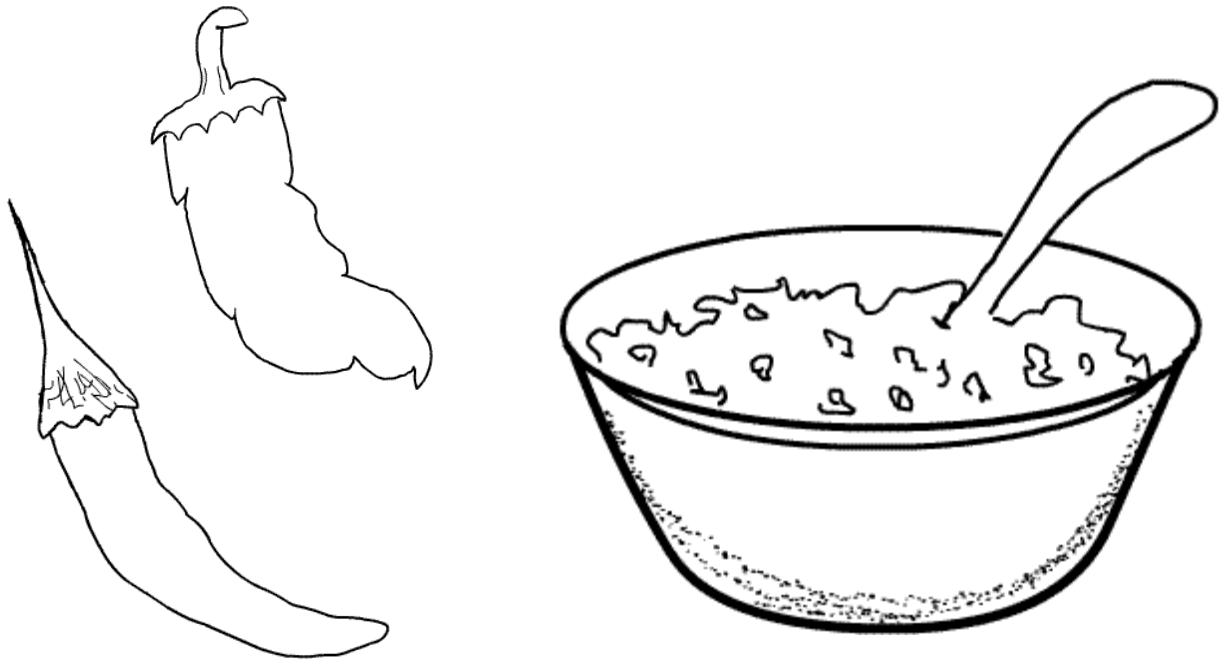

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Texas State Fish
Guadalupe Bass

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Description:

The Guadalupe bass was named the official state fish by the Texas Legislature in 1989. It is found in the flowing waters of the Texas Hill Country. The Guadalupe bass is generally green in color with dark-color markings along its side. You won't find a big Guadalupe bass on the end of your fishing pole. They do not grow very large (about 3 pounds or less) because they are used to living in small streams.

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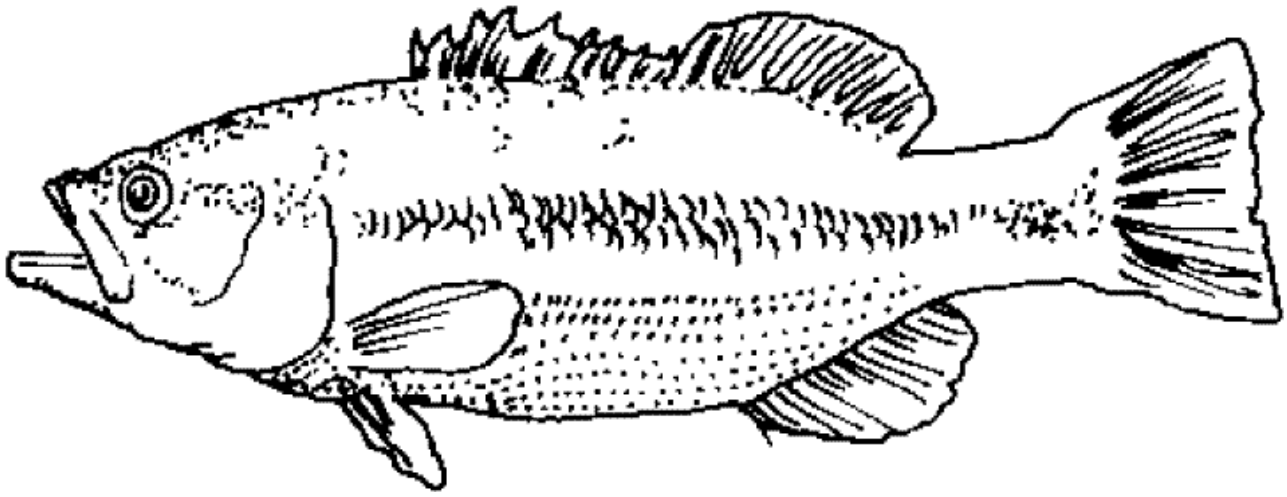

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Texas State Flag
The Lone Star Flag

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Lone Star Flag was adopted as the state flag when Texas became the 28th state in 1845. Just like the United States flag, the blue stands for loyalty, the white represents strength and the red is for bravery.

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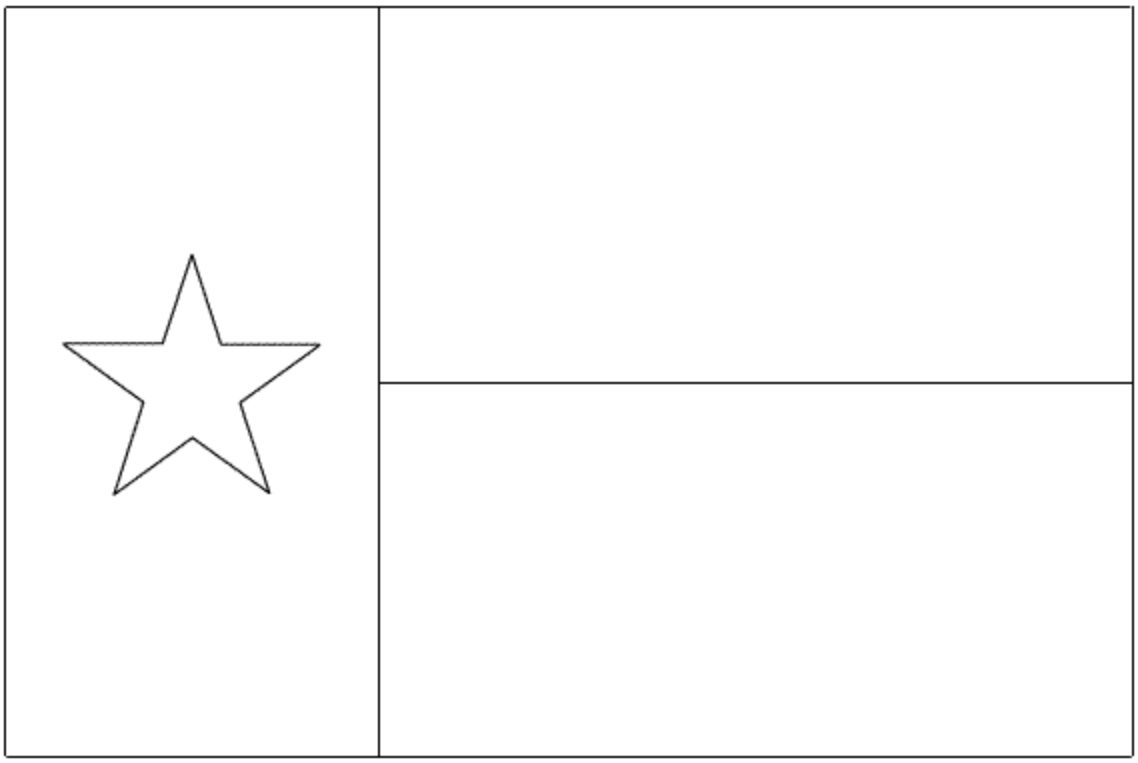

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Texas State Flower
Bluebonnet

Student:	Date:

Description:

The bluebonnet was designated the official state flower by the Texas Legislature in 1901. The bluebonnet blooms in early spring in Central and South Texas and can be found along highways, country roads and in parks throughout the area. Texas was the first state in America to plant its roadways with flowers. So now everyone can enjoy the bluebonnets.

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Texas State Flying Mammal
Mexican Free-Tailed Bat

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Mexican free-tailed bat was adopted as the official state flying mammal by the Texas Legislature in 1995. The bats frequent Central Texas, making their home from time-to-time in the Austin-area. But the largest bat colony in Texas is found at Bracken Cave, just north of San Antonio, with nearly 20 million bats. They can eat up to 250 tons of insects per night!

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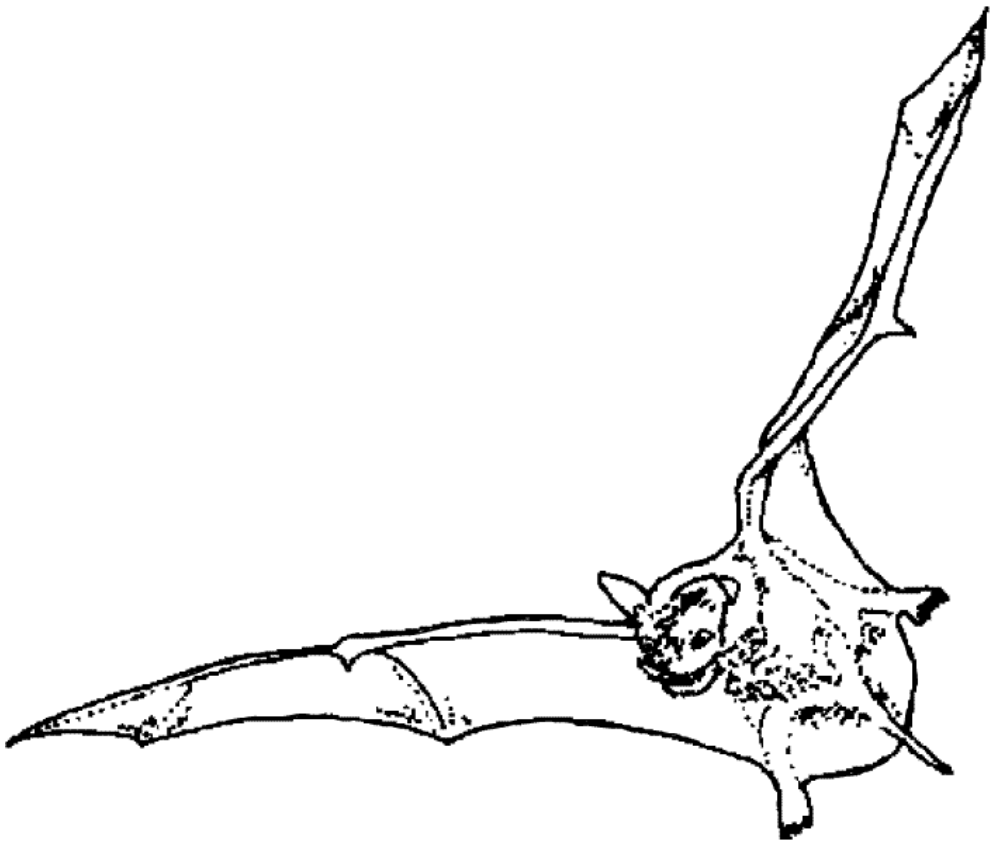

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Texas State Fruit
Texas Red Grapefruit

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Texas red grapefruit was adopted as the official state fruit by the Texas Legislature in 1993. It is grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The grapefruit peel comes in a variety of colors including yellow, pink and white. The fruit inside the Texas red grapefruit is usually red or pink and they are known to be very sweet and tasty.

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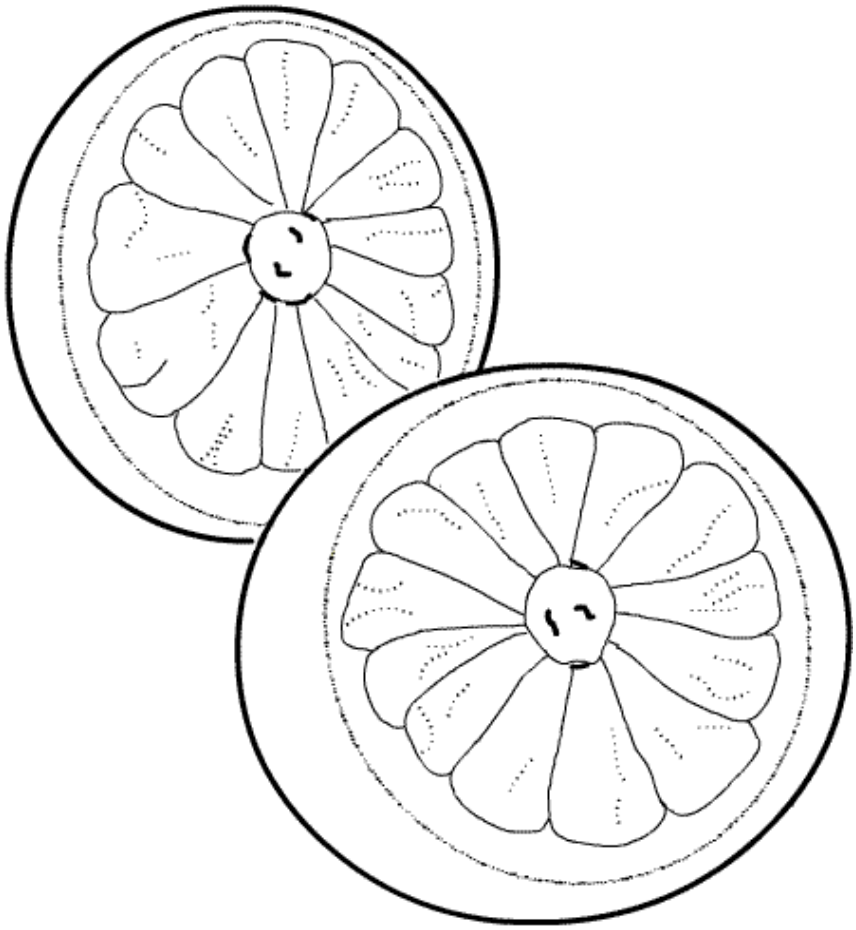

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Texas State Grass
Sideoats Grama

Student:	Date:

Description:

The sideoats grama was designated the official state grass by the Texas Legislature in 1971. The oat-like seeds are tan in color and grow on one side of the long stalk. Hence the name "sideoats". The grass itself is bluish green and changes to a beautiful reddish-brown color in the fall. The sideoats grama can tolerate drought and cold conditions and is considered a good grass for livestock to eat.

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Texas State Insect
Monarch Butterfly

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Monarch butterfly was adopted as the official state insect by the Texas Legislature in 1995. The Monarch is the only species of butterfly that does not hibernate, but migrates in changing seasons. Every fall and spring, millions of Monarch butterflies make their way between Canada and Mexico. They usually stop throughout Texas to take a break from this 3,000 mile trip.

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Texas State Mammal (large)
Texas Longhorn

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Texas longhorn was adopted as the official state large mammal by the Texas Legislature in 1995. The Texas Longhorn is the living symbol of the Old West. It comes in a variety of colors: red, yellow, orange, brown, black or gray. Some have colored spots on their body. The Texas longhorn is best known for its long, spectacular horns. They average a span of 5 1/2 feet and can be straight, gently curved or sharply bent.

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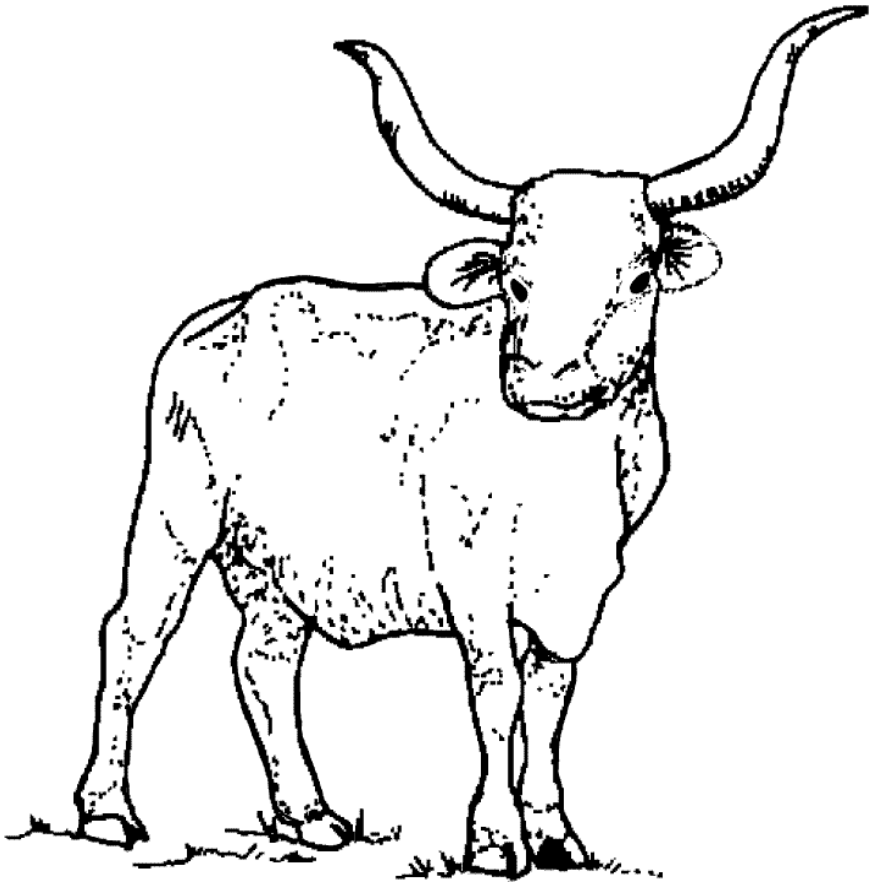

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Texas State Mammal (small)
Armadillo

Student:	Date:

Description:

The armadillo was adopted as the official state small mammal by the Texas Legislature in 1995. Adult armadillos are about the size of a small cat and weigh 12-17 pounds. It's covered with a unique kind of armor, made of small plates of tough skin. The armadillo protects itself from predators by using their sharp claws or burrowing itself into the ground, if they cannot find a hole to escape. They can even roll themselves into a ball!

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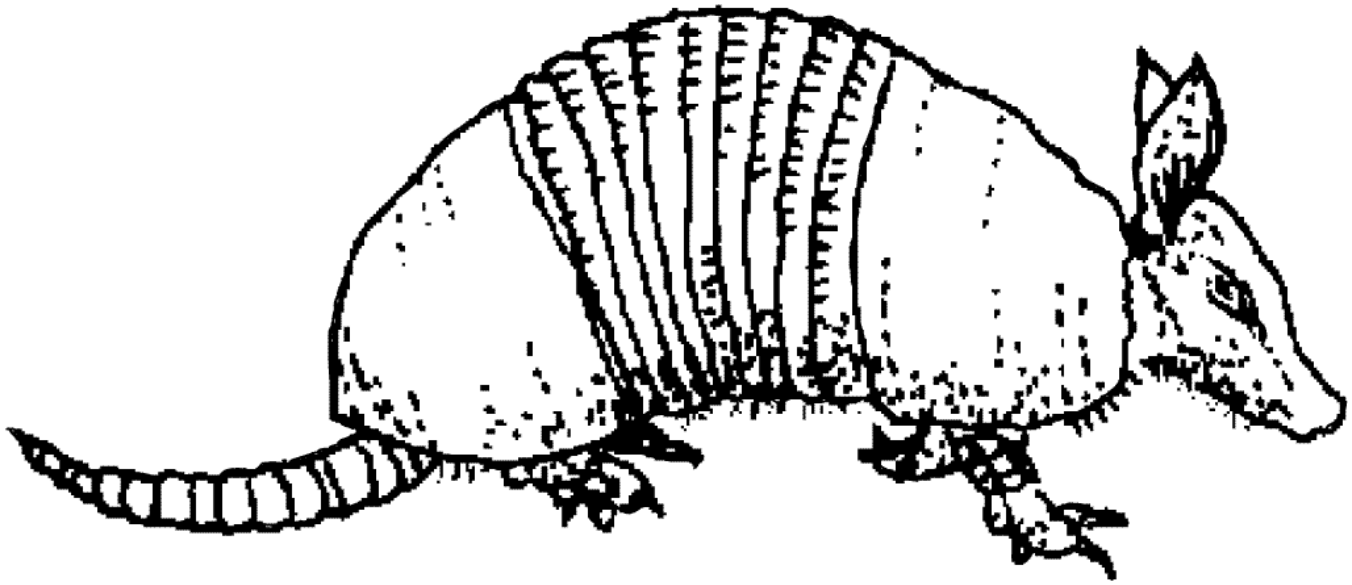

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Texas State Plant
Prickly Pear Cactus

Student:	Date:

Description:

The prickly pear cactus was adopted as the state plant by the Texas Legislature in 1995. Most prickly pear cactus are green with yellow, red or purple flowers. Once the thorny needles are removed, the fruit and branches of the cactus are edible and sold in some grocery stores. The prickly pear cactus is often seen in fields and along roadways in Central and South Texas. But it has also been found growing on cliffs, cracks in rocks and even trees!

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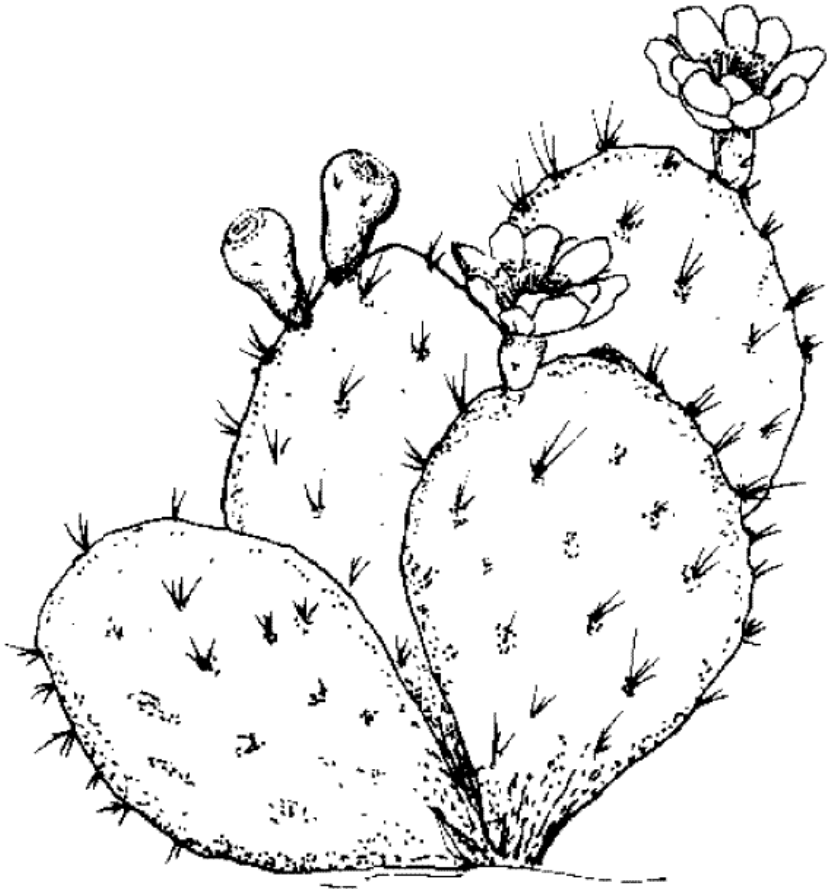

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Texas State Reptile
Texas Horned Lizard

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Texas horned lizard was adopted as the official state reptile by the Texas Legislature in 1993. It varies in color from light brown, tan or gray and has a short pointed nose with a broad, flattened body. The Texas horned lizard spends most of the day heating up its body from the sun, eating ants and chasing away predators. It also has the ability to lighten or darken its body to camouflage themselves against the ground!

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The Texas State Seal

Student:	Date:

Description:

The Seal of the State of Texas is kept by the Secretary of State and used by that person under the direction of the Governor. The Seal of the State shall be a star of 5 points, encircled by olive and live oak branches and the words, "The State of Texas", according to the Texas Constitution. The origins of the state seal of Texas date back to 1836, while the official seal that is used today was adopted in 1992.

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Texas State Shell
Lightning Whelk

Student:	Date:

Description:

The lightning whelk was named the official state shell by the Texas Legislature in 1987. It is unique because it's one of the few shells that open on the left side. The lightning whelk is off-white to tan or gray shell with brown "lightning" streaks along the side. They may be found on the bottom of shallow bays along the Gulf Coast from North Carolina to Texas.

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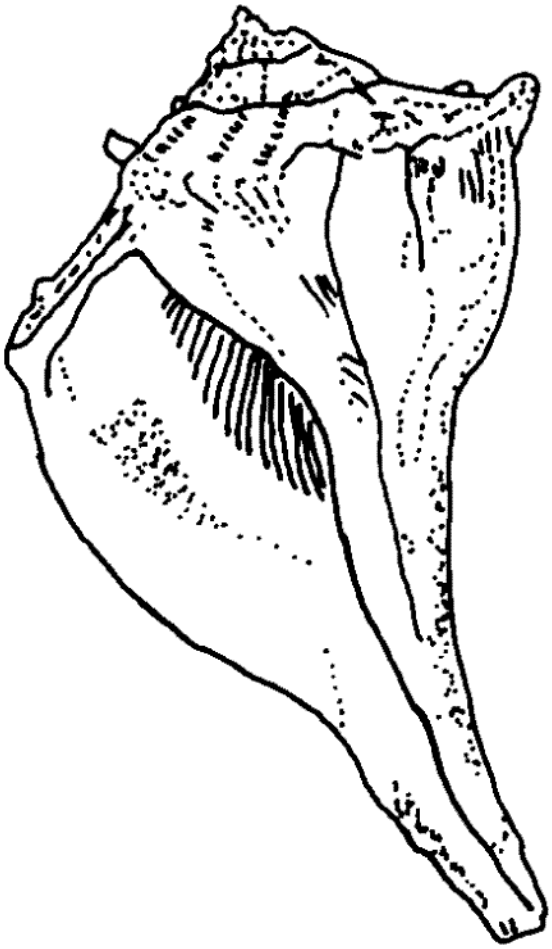

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Texas State Snack
Tortilla Chips and Salsa

Student:	Date:

Description:

Tortilla chips and salsa were adopted as the official state snack by the Texas Legislature in 2003. The idea came from second grade students at Leo Marcell Elementary School in Mission, Texas. They even made a trip to the State Capitol in Austin to testify in support of this tasty treat before the State Cultural Affairs Committee.

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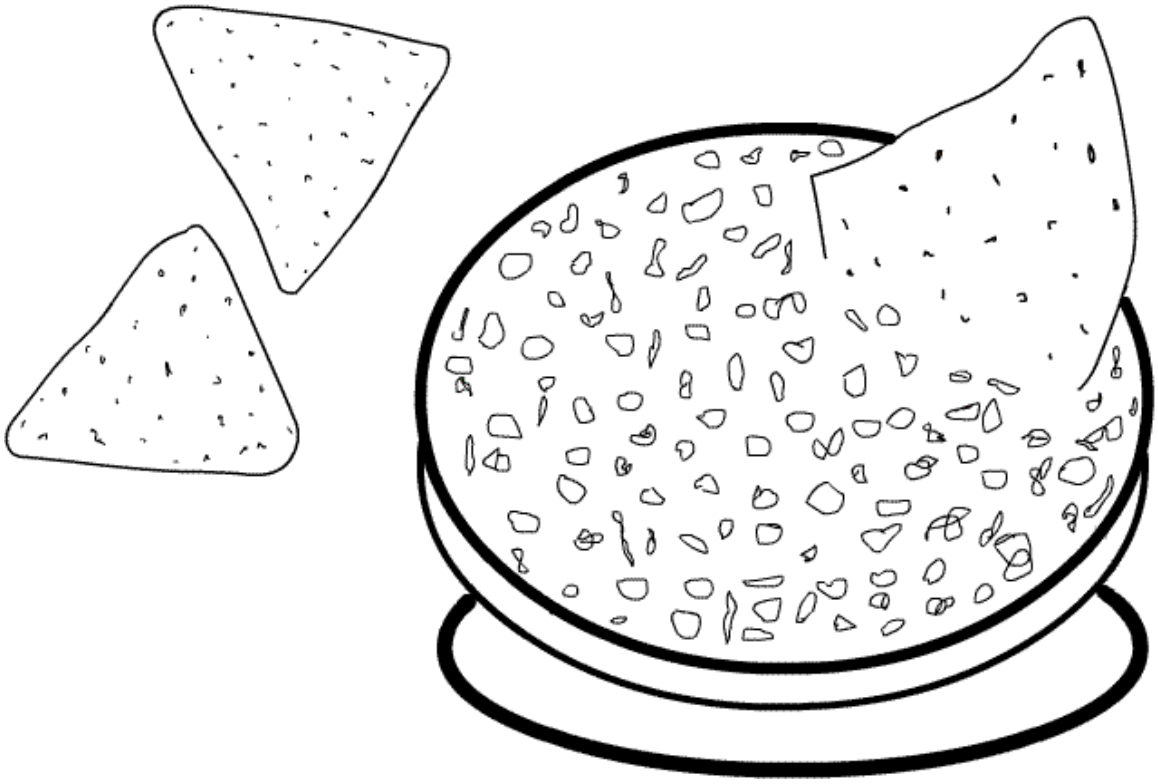

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Texas State Tree
Pecan

Student:	Date:

Description:

The pecan was named the official state tree by the Texas Legislature in 1919. Of course, pecans are popular because their sweet, edible nuts taste so good. The mature pecan tree is usually 70 to 100 feet tall, but can grow to an astonishing 150 feet and higher! Pecans make attractive shade trees. Their wood is used to make furniture, floors, and paneling for walls.

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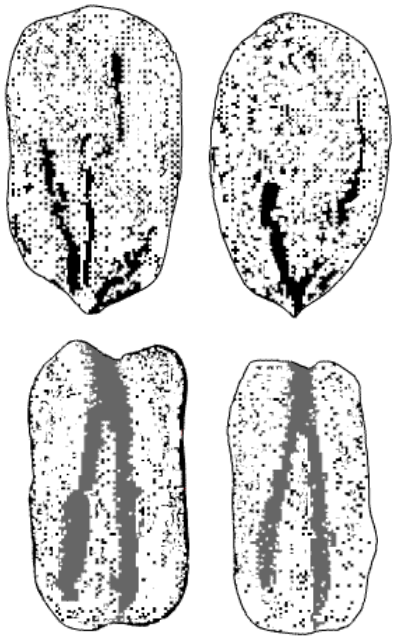

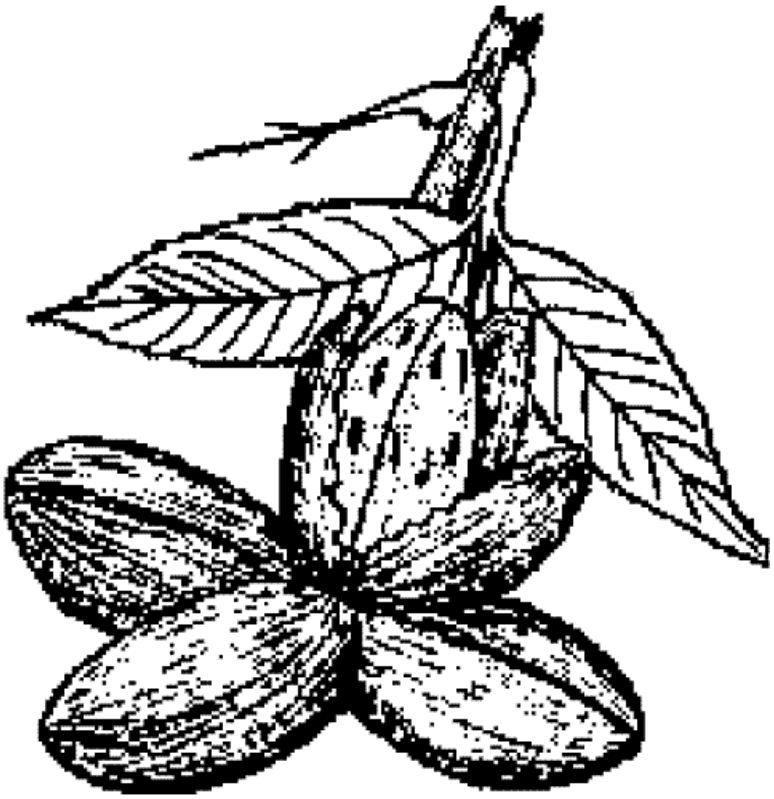

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Texas State Vegetable
Sweet Onion

Student:	Date:

Description:

The sweet onion was adopted as the official state vegetable by the Texas Legislature in 1997. It was brought to Texas in 1898 from the Bermuda Islands and has been a food hit ever since. Can you believe some people think the sweet onion tastes so sweet, they actually eat them like an apple? The onion industry is huge in Texas, bringing in about $350 million dollars to the state economy each year! That's a lot of sweet onions.

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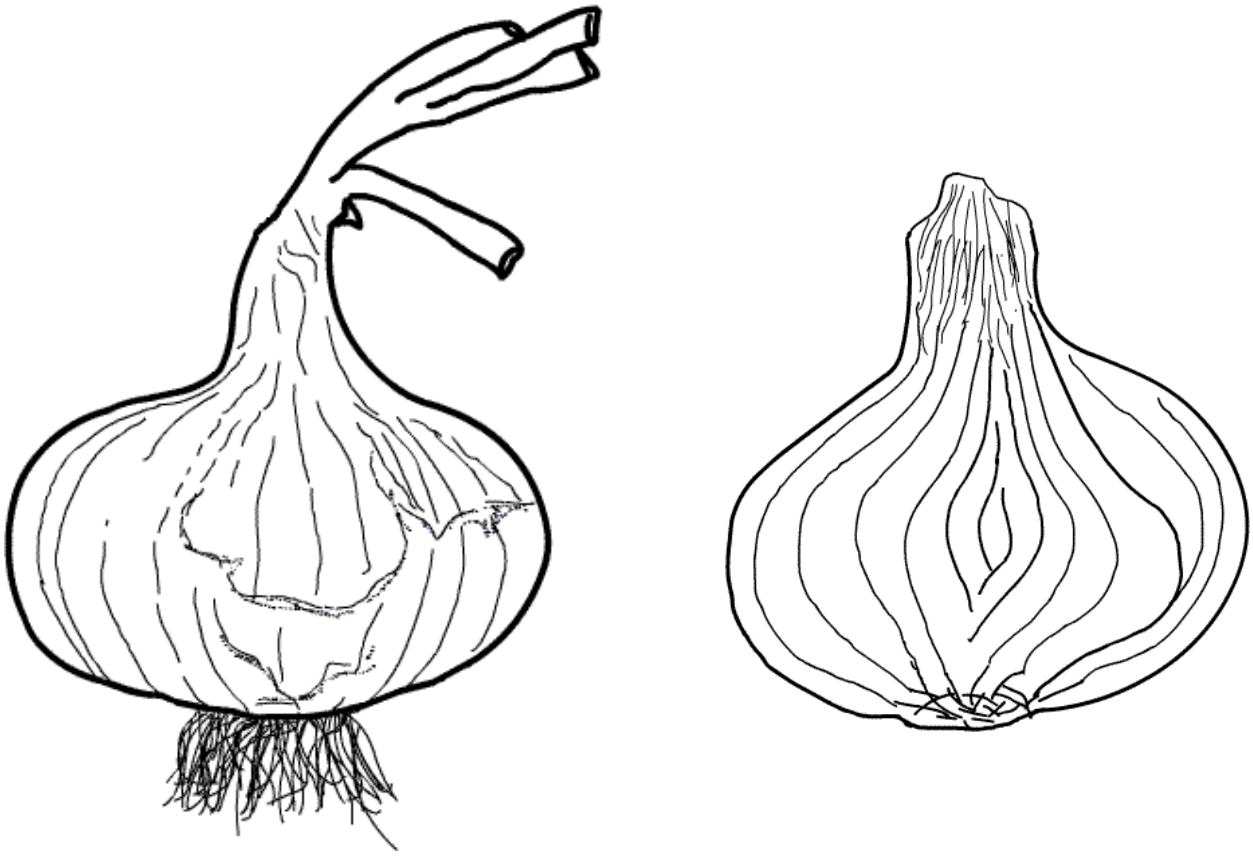
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