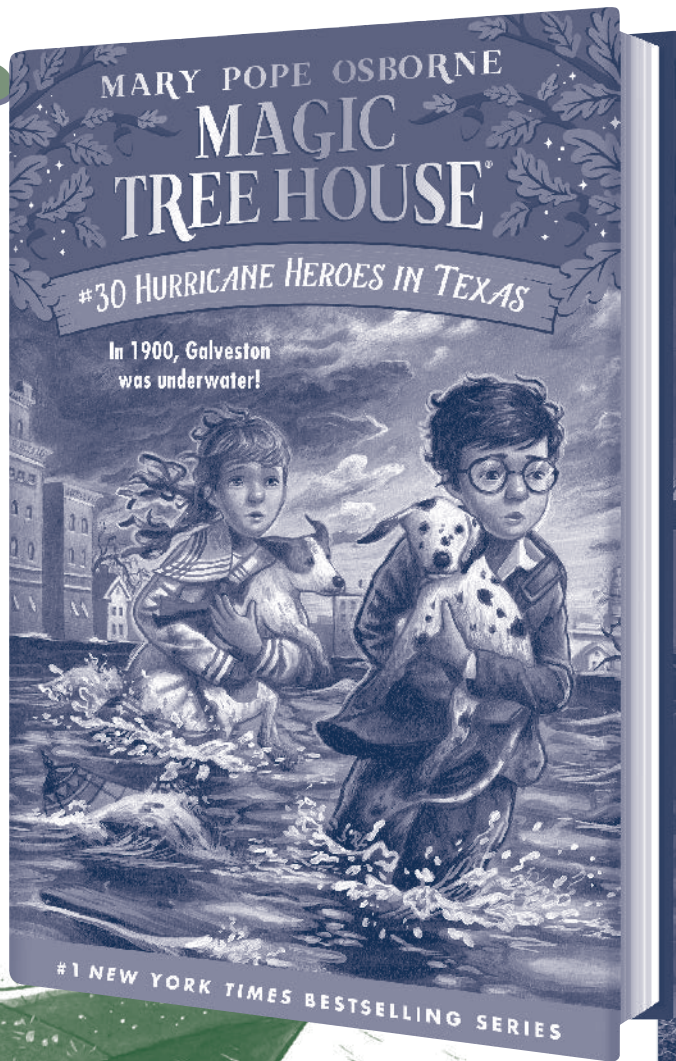


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## HURRICANE HEROES IN TEXAS

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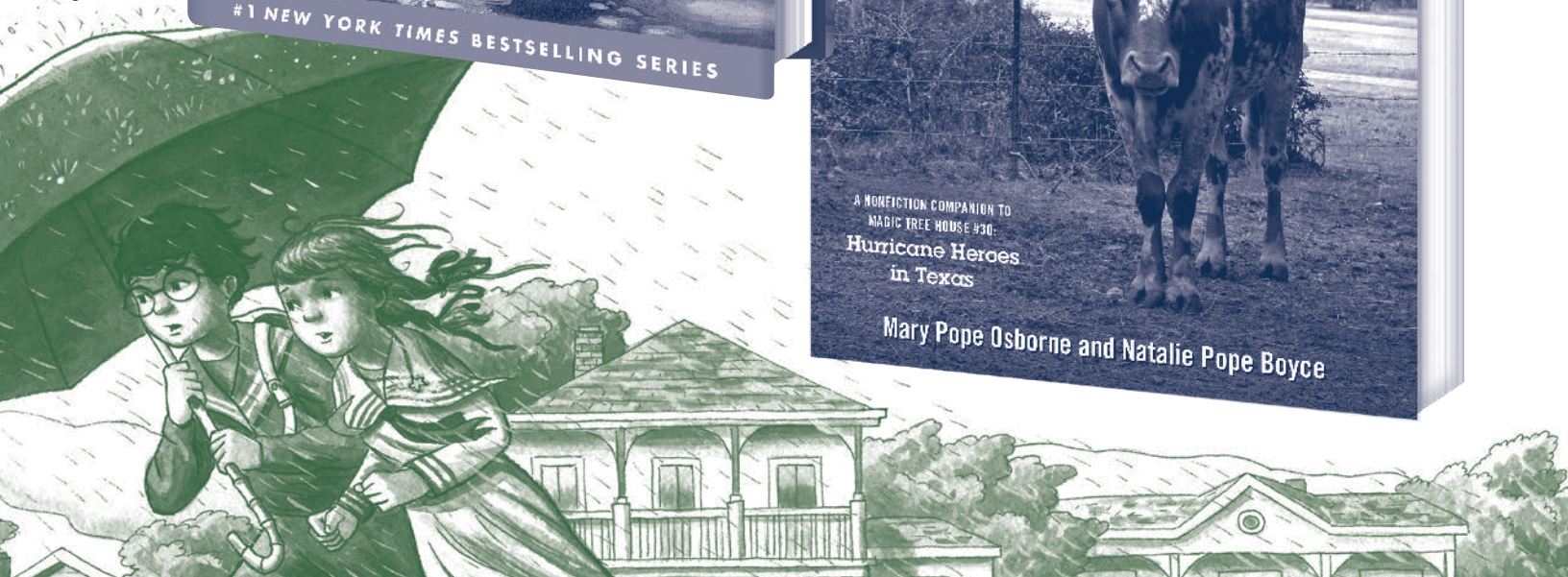
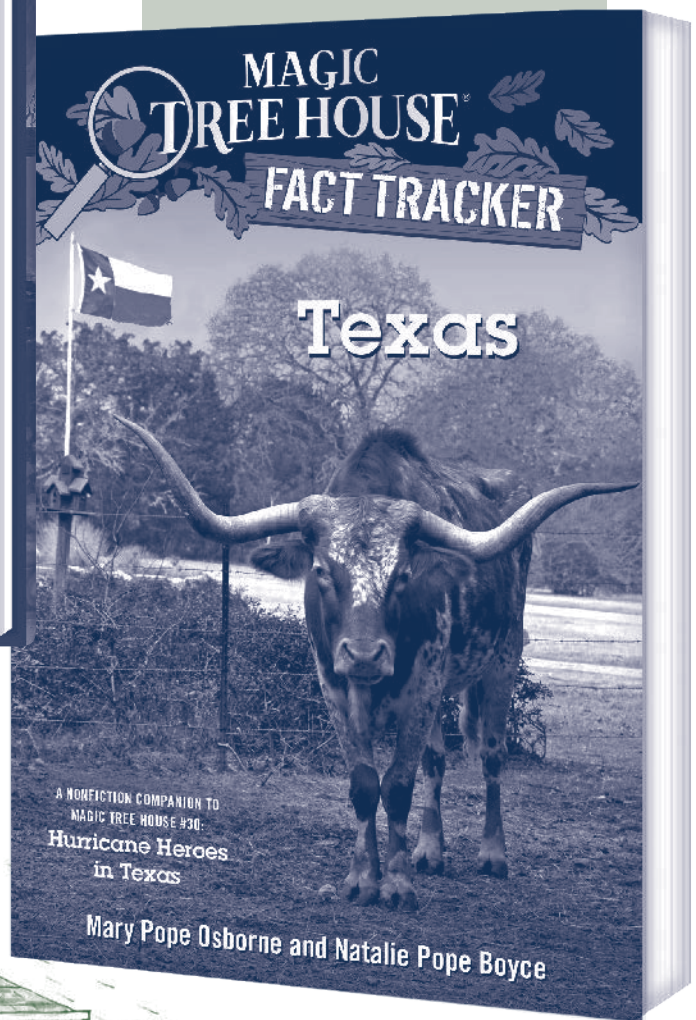
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# ABOUT *Hurricane Heroes in Texas*



Jack and Annie are on a mission! When the magic tree house whisks them back to Galveston, Texas, in 1900, they find out that a big storm is coming. But even though there is rain and wind, no one believes there is any danger. As the storm grows, seawater floods the city. Now everyone needs help! Jack and Annie have a little bit of magic and a lot of hope— but will it be enough?

## ACTIVITIES *for* *Hurricane Heroes in Texas*

### What Is a Hurricane?

Before reading *Hurricane Heroes in Texas*, have your readers do some weather reporting! In groups, have students discuss the following questions, and ask them to provide explanations. This is an informal warm-up.

#### Questions:

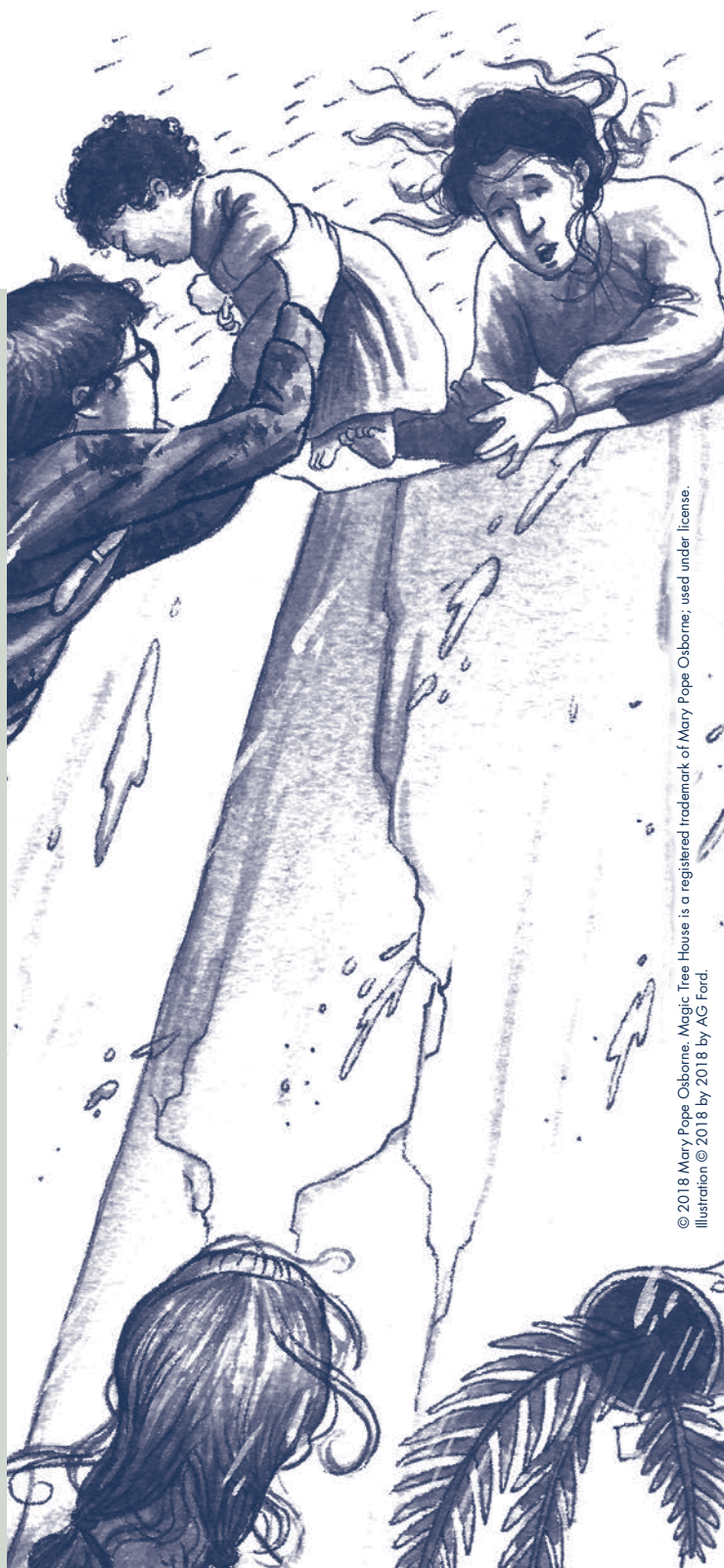
- What are hurricanes?
- What do they do?
- Where do they come from?
- What's a storm surge?
- What usually happens when hurricanes develop?
- Have you ever seen a hurricane? Or read about one?

**Curriculum:** *Science; Language Arts*

### Everyday Heroes!

Jack and Annie become heroes when they help save people in Galveston, Texas, from a big storm. We are surrounded by countless heroes in our own communities. As a group, make a list of everyday heroes and discuss how they contribute to our health, education, and safety. Use evidence to support their heroism and share with the class.

**Curriculum:** *Language Arts*



# ABOUT *Texas: A Nonfiction Companion to Hurricane Heroes in Texas*

When Jack and Annie came back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #30: *Hurricane Heroes in Texas*, they had lots of questions. Why is Texas called the Lone Star State? What was the Alamo? When was the Galveston hurricane? Why was it so terrible? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts about Texas.



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## ACTIVITIES *for* Texas:

A Nonfiction Companion to *Hurricane Heroes in Texas*

### Let's Talk About Texas!

Jack and Annie travel back to Galveston, Texas, in *Hurricane Heroes in Texas*. They help save the day when a storm threatens the community. Let's learn a bit about Texas! Show students how to trace the shape of Texas, and fill in information from the nonfiction companion. Here are a few questions to guide the investigation—but use any facts you find interesting!

#### Questions:

- How big is Texas?
- What is the climate like in Texas?
- What is the capital of Texas?
- When did Texas join the United States?
- What's a popular music style in Texas?
- What is the official horse, tree, and bird of Texas?

**Curriculum:** *Social Studies; Language Arts*

### The State with Six Flags!

Six different flags have flown over Texas, each representing a different part of the state's history. As a class, discuss what a symbol is and why we use flags as symbols. Have students discuss and write down different ways we honor our flag. Bonus: design and create a flag for your classroom, your school, or your town!

**Curriculum:** *Social Studies; Language Arts*

### Postcards from Texas

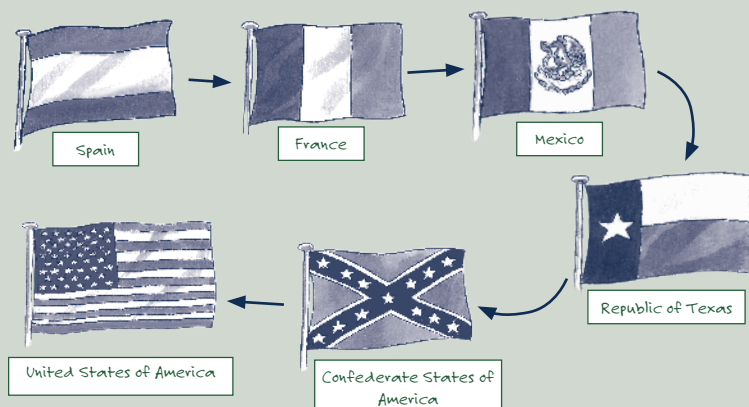
**After students read chapter 5: "Cattle and Oil" and chapter 6: "Space City,"** have them design a postcard featuring things they learned about in one of the chapters. Using research gathered from the book and other sources, each student should illustrate a scene of their choice and, on the back, share facts about what they have illustrated.

**Curriculum:** *Language Arts*

### The People of Texas

**After students read chapter 7: "Meet Some Famous Texans,"** form groups and choose one of the featured Texans to research further. Have the groups create a presentation with facts about and pictures of their person and present to the class.

**Curriculum:** *Language Arts*



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# After Reading Word Search!

## WORDS

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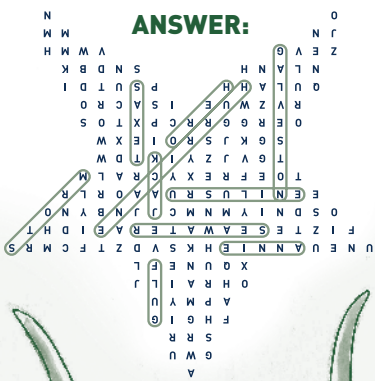
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