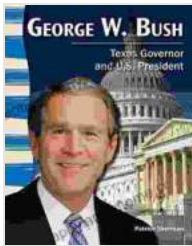


Texas Governors and Presidents: Shaping the Lone Star State and the Nation

From the vast prairies to the bustling cities, Texas has a rich and storied history that has been shaped by its leaders. From the early days of Spanish exploration to the modern era of technological innovation, Texas governors and presidents have played a pivotal role in shaping the state's destiny.



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This comprehensive social studies reader provides a captivating account of the lives and legacies of the men who have led Texas as governors and presidents. Through engaging narratives, vivid images, and primary source documents, students will gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and triumphs faced by these leaders, and their impact on the state and the nation.

Chapter 1: The Early Years of Texas

Texas's history as a state began in 1845, when it was annexed by the United States. Prior to that, Texas was a republic, with its own constitution and government. The first governor of Texas was J. Pinckney Henderson,

who served from 1846 to 1847. Henderson was a strong advocate for statehood, and he helped to negotiate the terms of Texas's annexation to the United States.

Other notable governors during this period include:

- Sam Houston (1859-1861): Houston was a legendary figure in Texas history. He served as governor twice, and he also played a leading role in the Texas Revolution. Houston was a staunch advocate for states' rights, and he opposed secession from the Union.
- Francis Lubbock (1861-1863): Lubbock was the last governor of Texas before the Civil War. He was a strong supporter of secession, and he led Texas into the Confederacy.

Chapter 2: The Civil War and Reconstruction

The Civil War had a profound impact on Texas. The state was divided between Unionists and Confederates, and there was bitter fighting throughout the state. Texas was eventually defeated, and it was placed under military occupation during Reconstruction.

The following governors served during this tumultuous period:

- Andrew J. Hamilton (1865-1866): Hamilton was a Unionist who was appointed governor of Texas by President Andrew Johnson. He was responsible for overseeing the state's reconstruction.
- James W. Throckmorton (1866-1867): Throckmorton was a former Confederate general who was elected governor in 1866. He was a

strong advocate for states' rights, and he opposed federal interference in Texas's affairs.

Chapter 3: The Rise of Texas

After Reconstruction, Texas began to rebuild and prosper. The state's economy boomed, and its population grew rapidly. Texas also became a major center for agriculture, industry, and transportation.

Some of the most notable governors during this period include:

- Oran M. Roberts (1879-1883): Roberts was a successful businessman who served as governor during a time of economic growth and prosperity. He was also a strong supporter of education, and he helped to establish the University of Texas.
- James S. Hogg (1891-1895): Hogg was a populist governor who fought for the rights of farmers and ranchers. He also established the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulated the state's railroads.
- Joseph D. Sayers (1899-1903): Sayers was a former Confederate officer who served as governor during the Spanish-American War. He was also a strong advocate for education, and he helped to establish several new schools in Texas.

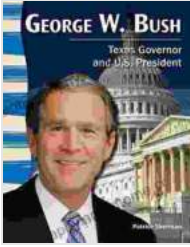
Chapter 4: Texas in the 20th Century

The 20th century was a time of great change and progress for Texas. The state's economy continued to grow, and its population

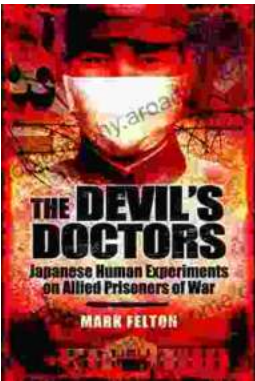
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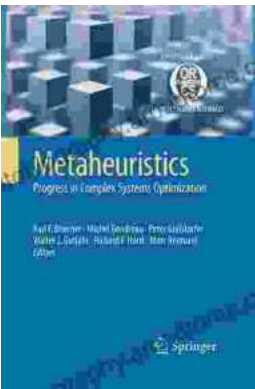


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