The Lone Star State

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When people hear about my state they think of Cowboys and Indians and riding horses. We do have Cowboys and Cowgirls here and a lot of horses, but this state is much more than that. People from this state are a very proud people. It is the second largest state in the United States and it is nicknamed the Lone Star State.

Have you ever been to a Six Flags Theme Park? The Theme Park started in my state. It was named Six Flags because six flags flew over my state, the Flags of France, Spain, Mexico, our own Lone Star Flag, the United States Flag and the Confederate Flag.

Some of our biggest cities are Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso and Austin. Austin is our Capital and also known as the Live Music Capital of the World. Our state is the leading producer of cotton, cattle and sheep, but we are also known for our oil and gas. Our State Sport is the Rodeo. The State Bird is the Mockingbird, State Flower is the Bluebonnet, and we are also the home of the Dallas Cowboys Football Team.

Our most popular historic site is the Alamo, which is in San Antonio where many men died fighting the Mexican General Santa Anna. This is where the phrase, “Remember the Alamo,” started. The Alamo is the cradle of our liberty.

Have you guessed which state I am from? It is south of Oklahoma, and west of Louisiana. Do you give up? Okay, I’ll tell you. It is Texas. Did you get it right?

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   B. The Buckeye State.
   C. The Lone Star State.
   D. The Cowboy State.

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   B. Two
   C. One
   D. Fifty

3. What is our state flower?
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   B. The Bluebonnet
   C. The Honeysuckle
   D. The Cactus

4. Where is the Alamo located?
   A. In Oklahoma
   B. In Dallas
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