

Dacy wrote this paper to explain the Runaway Scrape to her cousin. She would like you to help her revise the passage.

The Runaway Scrape-- The Beginning of the End for Santa Anna

1) On March 7, 1836, the day after the fall of the Alamo, Santa Anna wrote an official proclamation to the rest of Texas. 2) In it, he stated that the people must declare their loyalty to Mexico by reporting to the Mexican army. 3) If not, the punishment was death.

4) Santa Anna gave her a copy of the message he met with Susannah Dickinson. 5) He sent her to deliver it to the Texas army, led by Sam Houston, at the town of Gonzales. 6) He offered to adopt Angelina because he knew that she would have a hard time supporting the baby as a single woman.

7) Once Houston read Santa Anna's message, he encouraged the entire population of Texas to run away to Louisiana. 8) He ordered the Texas army to pack up to run as well. 9) Dickinson's first hand account of the fall of the Alamo must have convinced everyone that Santa Anna really meant to kill everyone against him.

10) Everyone grabbed what they could and literally ran. 11) Families even left food on the table uneaten they were in such a hurry. 12) It must have been a terrifying time. 13) When your own army tells you to run AND runs with you, the situation is desperate!

14) This time in Texas history is called the Runaway Scrape. 15) The word scrape has many meanings. 16) In this instance, it means that the people barely escaped. 17) People knew Santa Anna was close behind and what he would do if he found them.

18) The people of Texas headed toward Louisiana. 19) It was really the only safe place to go. 20) If they ran south or west, they would run into one of Santa Anna's armies. 21) If they ran north, they would face hostile tribes. 22) This left running east, toward the United States.

23) The journey was difficult and depressing. 24) Not only was everyone scared of dying, but most were also mourning the loss of relatives and friends at the Alamo. 25) Cold rain filled rivers and creeks making the journey strenuous, especially since many people didn't have horses or wagons. 26) People didn't have time to plan ahead and pack enough supplies. 27) Many people grew ill and died along the way.

28) No doubt many people thought this was the end of the new Republic of Texas. 29) Santa Anna seemed to be well on his way to destroying the Texas army and taking control of the former Mexican colony. 30) Not very many wars are won by running away. 31) Lucky for Texas, Sam Houston had been elected to lead the army, and he was no ordinary soldier. 32) Houston had a plan that would turn a cowardly retreat into a surprising victory.

1. Dacy would like to make the word **he** in sentence 5 more specific. Which word should she choose?

- A. Houston
- B. Dickinson
- C. Santa Anna
- D. Gonzales

2. Which sentence should be deleted?

- A. Sentence 2
- B. Sentence 6
- C. Sentence 14
- D. Sentence 25

3. Dacy would like to add a transition word before sentence 25. Which of the following words would be the **best** word to add?

- A. In addition
- B. However
- C. Finally
- D. Yet

4. Dacy would like to add the following detail to paragraph 7 (sentences 23-27).

Lack of food and warm clothes and blankets added to the misery.

Where would be the best place to add this detail?

- A. After sentence 23
- B. After sentence 26
- C. After sentence 27
- D. This detail should not be added.

5. What is the best way to revise sentence 4.

- A. Santa Anna met with Susannah Dickinson and gave her a copy of his message.
- B. Santa Anna meets with Susannah Dickinson and gave her a copy of his message.
- C. Santa Anna gives a copy of the message to Susannah Dickinson before he met with her.
- D. Santa Anna met with Susannah Dickinson, he gave her a copy of his message.

6. Dacy would like to add a strong concluding sentence to her paper. Which would be the **best** sentence to add?

- A. That is why the Runaway Scrape was important.
- B. I hope you liked my paper about the Runaway Scrape.
- C. The people were probably very happy when they got to Louisiana.
- D. The Runaway Scrape may have seemed like the end of Texas, but it was only the beginning.

Answer Key:

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. D

Story sources you might find interesting:

The contents of Santa Anna's letter--

<http://www.sonsofdewittcolony.org/sdickinson.htm>

Runaway Scrape--

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/articles/texas-primer-the-runaway-scrape/>

http://www.texasescapes.com/DEPARTMENTS/Guest_Columnists/East_Texas_all_things_historical/RunawayScrapeAMD302.htm

The Adoption Story of Angelina and Other Surprising Tales of Santa Anna:

<https://www.texascooppower.com/texas-stories/history/santa-annas-complex-character>