

Jayson wrote a paper to explain to the class the battle plans of the two opposing sides during the Texas Revolution. He would like your help making corrections to his paper.

The Texan Battle Plan:

1) During the Runaway Scrape, most people thought Houston meant to take the Texas army and run all the way to safety in Louisiana and give up. 2) What was Houston doing? 3) There are many theories about his plans, but one of them involved a president. 4) Remember that Houston was close friends with president Andrew Jackson. 5) Houston had been in contact with Jackson about the Texas Revolution. 6) Jackson couldn't attack Mexico without a reason, but if Mexico attacked anyone on U.S. soil, he could defend his own people.

7) At that time, the U.S. and Mexico already had a disagreement about where the Louisiana border actually was. 8) If Houston took the Texas army into the disputed territory and the Mexican army followed them. 9) The U.S. could consider that an attack and help fight Mexico. 10) Jackson ordered the U.S. army to wait in the disputed territory.

11) All Houston needed to do was gather up the remaining army of Texas and get to Louisiana. 12) He took the army at Gonzales and headed out. 13) Then he sent word to James Fannin to gather up the troops in Goliad, and meet him along the way in Victoria.

14) That was Houston's plan, but it's not what happened.

The Mexican Battle Plan:

15) At this point, Santa Anna had three Texas groups to chase down: Fannin, Houston, and the Texas government.

16) Santa Anna wasn't worried about catching Fannin because his second army battalion, under the command of General Urrea, had just arrived in Texas. 17) He sent word for them to attack Fannin's army at Goliad.

18) Meanwhile, Santa Anna decided to split his remaining army at San Antonio into two parts. 19) He would personally find and kill the traitorous Texas government. 20) The second part of his army was sent to attack Houston's army.

21) That was Santa Anna's plan but it's not what happened.

22) In fact, the end of the Texas Revolution was a surprise to everyone.

1) What change, if any, should be made to sentence 4?

- A. Change Houston to houston
- B. Change president to President
- C. Change friends to freinds
- D. Make no change

2. What's the best way to combine sentences 8 and 9?

- A. If Houston took the Texas army into the disputed territory and the Mexican army followed them. The U.S. could consider that an attack. And help fight Mexico.
- B. If Houston took the Texas army. Into the disputed territory and the Mexican army followed them. The U.S. could consider that an attack and help fight Mexico.
- C. If Houston took the Texas army into the disputed territory, the Mexican army might follow them. The U.S. could consider that an attack and help fight Mexico.
- D. If Houston, took the Texas army into the disputed territory, and the Mexican army followed them, the U.S. could consider that an attack, and help fight Mexico.

3. What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 13?
- A. Remove the comma after Goliad
 - B. Change Victoria to victoria
 - C. Change meet to meat
 - D. Make no change
4. What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 14?
- A. Change it's to its
 - B. Change happened to hapened
 - C. Change Houstons to Houston's
 - D. Make no change
5. What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 15?
- A. Insert commas after Fannin and Houston
 - B. Change chase to chasing
 - C. Change the period to a question mark
 - D. Make no change
6. What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 18?
- A. Change decided to decides
 - B. Change San Antonio to san antonio
 - C. Change too to two
 - D. Make no change
7. What's the best way to write sentence 21 correctly?
- A. That was Santa Anna's plan but it's not what happened.
 - B. That was Santa Anna's plan, because it's not what happened.
 - C. That was Santa Anna's plan, so it's not what happened.
 - D. That was Santa Anna's plan, but it's not what happened.

Answer Key:

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

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