Texas and Texans in the Civil War

War in the East

 Three units from Texas fought in the east as part of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia

 First, Fourth, and Fifth Texas infantry regiments

 These regiments were reorganized into the Texas Brigade under the leadership of Brig.Gen. Louis T. Wigfall after it arrived in Virginia

 The brigade became known as Hood's Texas Brigade after Wigfall resigned and John Bell Hood took command

 Hood was from Kentucky, attended West Point, and served in the army in Texas

 After Ft. Sumter Hood decided to serve his adopted state of Texas instead of his home unionist state of Kentucky

 Hood's Brigade fought in thirty-eight battles between 1862-1865

 Many other Texans served in the east west of the Appalachian Mountains

 Four regiments of Texans were sent to western Kentucky under Albert Sidney Johnson

 Johnson went to West Point, was secretary of war in the Texas Republic, and served in the Mexican American War

 Johnson was famously killed at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee

 Another four Texas cavalry units joined the fight after Shiloh under the leadership of Gen. Earl Van Dorn and fought at Vicksburg

 Several thousand Texans also helped defend Atlanta in 1864

 Another three regiments including Terry's Texas Rangers helped fight against Sherman in the Carolinas

War in the West

 In 1861 Texas mounted regiments secured the state's boundaries with Indian Territory

 Texans under the leadership of John R. Baylor led the Second Texas Rifles to El Paso and into New Mexico at Mesilla

 He created the Confederate Territory of Arizona

 Gen. Henry Sibley was then sent to conquer New Mexico, Colorado, and California

 Defeated at Glorieta Pass in 1862

 Texans also fought in Missouri, Indian Territory, Arkansas, and Louisiana

War in Texas

 Texans fought against US Navy operations along the coast of Texas

 In 1862 Maj. Alfred M. Hobby defended Corpus Christi from a Union force

 In Spring 1862 frontier German unionists were defeated at the Battle of the Nueces

 In October 1862 forty-two unionists were hanged at Gainesville

 Union forces destroyed Confederate defenses at Sabine Pass in 1862

 Texas Confederate forces defended Galveston from Union attack January 1, 1863

 In September 1863 Union naval forces returned to the Sabine and were defeated