

# FORT LANCASTER

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*Sheffield, Texas*

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibit Guide ANSWER KEY

### **The Lower Road**

- On what day did travelers arrive at Fort Lancaster during their trip west? **day 11**
- At what other forts would travelers have stopped along the way? **Fort Inge and Fort Clark**

### **Culture Clash**

- What three Native American tribes lived in the area where Fort Lancaster was built? **Comanches, Apaches, Kickapoos**

### **Building Fort Lancaster**

- What materials found nearby did the soldiers use to build the fort? **quarried limestone, mud for adobe bricks, grass for thatched roofs**
- Who stayed in wedge tents? **enlisted men**

### **Origins of a Fort**

- When selecting the site, Colonel Mansfield noted these three resources were nearby: **grazing, wood, good water**
- Companies **H** and **K** built Camp Lancaster on Live Oak Creek.
- In the year **1856**, Camp Lancaster was upgraded to a full-fledged fort.

### **Experimental Expedition**

- What was so unusual about Lt. Edward Fitzgerald Beale's expedition from Texas to California in 1857?  
**He used camels to carry his men and supplies.**

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## **The Final Years of the Fort**

What group of soldiers served at Fort Lancaster after the Civil War? **African Americans from the 9<sup>th</sup> cavalry/Buffalo Soldiers**

- What was the first task of these soldiers returning to Fort Lancaster? **repairing the fort and making it habitable**
- The only known attack by Native Americans on a U.S. Army Fort in Texas happened at Fort Lancaster in what year? **1867**

## **Company K Barracks**



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