

## FOR POST-VISIT DISCUSSION

- Would you have wanted to live during Sam Houston's time? Why or why not?
- What social customs/ traditions are the same as the 19th century? What traditions have changed?
- How is your life today similar to Sam Houston's life? How is it different?
- If you could ask Sam Houston anything, what one thing would you want to know?
- If you were Sam, what is the one thing you would want people to remember about you?
- How has our world changed since Sam Houston was alive? How has it stayed the same?
- What surprised you about Sam Houston's home? Why? How has architecture and furniture changed? How has it remained the same?
- Do you think Sam Houston's homes or the Museum will change in the future? Why? How?
- What ideas/beliefs that Sam Houston believed in are still valid today? Which ones are invalid? (Honor, duty, slavery)
- What was the most important thing Sam Houston did during his lifetime? Explain why.
- Would Sam Houston like Texas today? Why or why not?
- Do you think Texas should become an independent Republic again? Why or why not? What would be the advantages/disadvantages for this?
- How would your life be different if you didn't have access to an automobile or electricity?
- Describe Sam Houston's role in the founding of Texas as a Republic and as a state.
- How would things be different if Sam Houston became President of the United States; took the Oath of Allegiance to the Confederacy; or Texas remained an independent Republic?
- Why did Sam Houston align his political views with the Union and not with his beloved Texas?

- How did Cherokees influence Sam Houston's life? Did the Indians influence his political decisions?
- Why is Sam Houston important to Texas history? What major influences did Sam have on Texas and the United States?
- What did you see at the Sam Houston Museum that you didn't expect to see?
- What was your favorite part of the Museum? Why?
- What did you learn at the Museum that couldn't be learned from reading a book?
- Why were Texans either strongly for or against Sam Houston?