

## *Letter from Texas – Primary Sources*

*adapted from*

*Stephen F. Austin's letter to his mother and sister in the United States – before their trip to Texas*

Bring all your books and beds and bedding. The furniture and other heavy articles, except for cast iron, sell for pork, flour, and beans to use on the road. You must start with provisions enough to last the whole journey. Also try to bring a pair or two of geese and tame ducks. Try to bring all kinds of garden seeds, particularly cabbage, lettuce, beets, sage, summer savory, horseradish, etc. At Natchez or lower down, try to get some orange, fig, and grape roots. Be particular to make brother get some nectarine and peach stones...or the seeds of...pears and apples....