

TEXAS RANGER BADGES

Grade Level Focus: Kindergarten

Topic: Shapes in Texas Ranger Badges

Compelling Question: What shapes make up the Texas Ranger badge and why?

TEKS:

- Social Studies: 3.A, 7.A, 9.A, 14.B
- Math: 6.A, 6.C, 6.F
- Fine Art: 1.B, 2.A, 2.B

Materials: document with early 1900s badge image, handout with modern badge image

Background Information:

Texas Rangers are police officers that work to protect the entire state of Texas. When the Texas Rangers were first founded in 1823 (almost 200 years ago!) they did not wear badges. At first, all they had was pieces of paper called warrants of authority to prove they were Rangers. Some Rangers created their own badges. Many of these badges looked different because the Rangers themselves decided what they would look like. It wasn't until 1935, when the Texas Rangers joined the Texas Department of Safety that they were issued official badges that all look alike.

Engage	<p>What shapes do you see in the Texas Ranger Badge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display early badge image • Ask students what shapes they see
Explore	<p>Trace Badge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass out modern badge image worksheet • Ask students to trace each shape they see in the correct color
Explain	<p>Talk About the Shapes in the Badges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go over all the different shapes in the modern badge • Fun fact: The reason many early Texas Ranger badges are in the shape of a circle is because the Rangers made them out of coins, which are also circles. Coins were an easy thing to make badges out of. The badges Texas Rangers carry today are made out of Cinco Peso Mexican coins.
Elaborate/ Evaluate	<p>Make Your Own Badge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell students to imagine that they are Texas Rangers in the 1800s and ask them to design their own badge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are a few different options on how to do this, depending on how guided you want it to be. You can allow the students free draw time to make the badge however you want. Or you can give students pre-cut shapes and let them tape or paste them onto a piece of paper to create a badge.



EARLY 1900S TEXAS RANGER BADGE

What shapes do you see in this badge?

This badge belonged to a Texas Ranger in the early 1900s.



THE TEXAS RANGER BADGE OF TODAY

This badge is carried by Texas Rangers today. There are a lot of shapes in this badge. Which ones do you see? Using the colors below, trace the different shapes in the badge.

Circle- Red

Triangle- Blue

Star- Green

