

**Potential Topics:**

Analyzing the changing political landscape in Central Texas through TOPIC.

Analyzing changes in campaign materials through time (Bullock).

Exploring fiscal reform and the Bullock Raiders in Texas from the 1970s-1990s (Bullock).

Analyzing redistricting in Texas and examining its national implications (Bullock, Dunnam (and the Killer D's), and Tunnell).

Comparing and contrasting Dunnam's Killer Ds walkout with the Killer Bees walkout (Dunnam, Bullock).

Exploring the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) on a local community level (Poage, Fisher).

Analyzing views of race in Texas identity in the 1950s-1960s (Poage, Dowdy).

Exploring the impact of young members in public service (Edwards, Steelman).

Exploring themes of National Defense, Fort Hood, and September 11 (Edwards).

Exploring Bullock's efforts to hire minorities and change the political landscape (Bullock).

Analyzing Poage's involvement in Food for Peace and President Johnson's Great Society on an international scale (Poage).

Analyzing President Johnson's Great Society through a local Texas lens (Fisher, Dowdy, Poage).

Analyzing veteran's affairs through time in local Texas communities, World War II – Iraq (Poage, Dowdy, Edwards).

Analyzing changes in committee structure and power in the US House, especially comparing powerful Southern Democratic leaders with changes in national interests (Poage).

Exploring agricultural issues in Texas, especially through comparing and contrasting local rural interests with big corporations (Poage).

Comparing and contrasting post-World War II immigration with post-September 11 immigration (Gossett, Edwards).

Examining the private lives of congressmen, including families, education, and business.

Examining diplomatic service in agriculture (Nichols).

Intellectually analyzing the JFK conspiracy phenomenon.

Analyzing issues of the environment, water use management, and conservation within Texas (Pickett, Steelman, Gossett).

Exploring the public service of Governor Ann Richards through the lens of Lt. Governor Bob Bullock (Bullock).

Analyzing changes in views on religious liberty (Edwards).

Examining congressional roles abroad through international service (Poage's travel diary).

Analyzing the workings of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) (West).

Analyzing local viewpoints on the Equal Rights Amendment through constituent correspondence of Central Texas women, speeches, etc. (Hall, Hightower, Dowdy, Poage, Steelman).

Analyzing the struggles, support, and professionalization of the teaching profession in Central Texas (Chet State).

#### **A-Z Research Guide:**

#### **A**

Acid Rain	Hightower	1982-84
	Fisher, Hightower, Poage, West,	1940s-1970s
Agriculture	Edwards	1991-2011
Amnesty	Fisher	1973
AMTRAK	Steelman	1970s
Anti-Semitism	Gossett	1947-1951

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#### **B**

Belton, TX	Poage	1940s-1970s
Bicentennial Commission	Fisher, Poage, Steelman	1973-1976

Big Thicket	Dowdy, Hall, Poage, Steelman	1960s-1970s
Bluebonnet Ordinance	Poage	1947-1954
Branch Davidian Siege	Edwards	1993
Brazos River/MAP	Poage	1940s-1970s

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## C

Cameron, TX	Poage	1940s-1970s
Carrillo, O. P.		1970s
Carter, Billy	Hall	1980
Central Freight		1930s
Central Texas Veterans' Healthcare System	Edwards	2007-2010
Chicago Board of Trade Mercantile Exchange	West	1982-1992
Civil Aeronautics Board	Fisher	1956-1974
Civil Rights	Dowdy, Fisher, Hall, Poage	1950s-1980s
Clinton Impeachment	Edwards	1998-99
Commodity Credit Corporation	Poage	1960s-1970s
Commodity Futures Trading Commission	West	1982-1992
Communism	Dowdy	
Conservation	Poage	1960s-1970s
Cooper Dam	Hall	1970s
Cotton	Fisher, Hightower, Poage	1944-1984
Criminal Justice	Hall	1977-1982

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## D

Dairy and Poultry	Fisher, Poage	1940s-1960s
Dallas, TX	Steelman	1973-1975
Davis, Kate (Sumners)	Sumners	1911-1926

District of Columbia	Dowdy	1960s-1970s
Dowdy, John	Dowdy	1969-1980
Drought/Texas Drought	Fisher, Hightower	1955-1971, 1983

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**E**

Economic Development Administration, EDA	Poage	1967-1978
	Dowdy, Fisher, Poage	1940s-1970s
Education	Edwards	1991-2011
Edwards, Chet	Edwards	1983-2011
Energy	Hall, Poage, Steelman	1970-1981
Environment	Hightower, Steelman	1970s-1980s
Environmental Protection Agency, EPA	Fisher, Poage, Steelman	1970s
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, EEOC	Fisher	1970s
Equal Rights Amendment, ERA	Adams, Hall, Poage, Steelman	1970s
	Hall	1979-1982
Ethics in Government	Edwards	1991-2011

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**F**

Federal Aviation Administration, FAA	Fisher	1959-1974
Farm Bill	West	1980-1981
Farm Credit	Hall	1985
Farm Products	Poage	1960s-1970s
Farmers Home Administration, FHA	Fisher, Poage	1940s-1970s
Federal Communications Commission, FCC	Fisher	1943-1974

Federal Power Commission	Fisher	1943-1974
Federal Security Agency	Fisher	1943-1953
Federal Trade Commission, FTC	Fisher	1949-1974
Federal Works Agency	Fisher	1943-1948
Firearms/Gun Control	Fisher	1965-1974
Fireman's Pension Fund	Adams	1970s
Flood/Flood Control	Fisher, Hightower	1943-1968; 1975-1982
Food/Hunger	Poage	1960s-1970s
Foreign Affairs	Edwards	1991-2011
	Poage	1950s-1970s
Fort Hood, TX	Edwards	1991-2011

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**G**

GAO, General Accounting Office	Fisher	1945-1974
General Services Administration, GSA	Fisher, Poage	1960s-1970s
Gossett, Ed Lee	Gossett	1947-1951
Grain	West	1980
Guayule	Poage	1930-1944;
Gun Control	Hall, Poage, Steelman	1970s-1980s

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**H**

Hightower, Jack	Hightower	1950s-1980s
House Appropriations	Edwards	2000-2011
		1943-1962; 1979, 1981- 1983
Housing Agencies	Fisher	
Human Services	Edwards	1991-2011
Humane Slaughter	Poage	1960s-1970s
Hunger/Food	Poage	1960s-1970s
Hunt Brothers	West	1981

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**I**

Illegal Aliens	Hall	1977
Immigration/INS	Fisher, Hall, Poage, Steelman	1950s-1980s
Immigration/Displaced Persons	Gossett	1945-1949
Impeachment, Nixon	Poage, Steelman	1973-1974
Impeachment, Clinton	Edwards	1998
Interparliamentary Union	Poage	1951-1972
Interstate Commerce Commission	Fisher	1943-1974
Interstate Freight Rates	Gossett	1947-1950

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**J**

James Connally Air Force Base	Poage	1950s-1960s
Johnson, Lyndon	Fisher, Poage	1940s-1970s
Judiciary Committee	Fisher, Hall	1940s-1980s

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**K**

Killeen, TX	Poage	1940s-1970s
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**L**

Labor	Dowdy, Fisher, Poage, Steelman	1940s-1970s
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**M**

MacArthur, Gen. Douglas	Poage	1951
Marlin, TX	Poage	1940s-1970s
Marshall, TX	Hall	1980s
Meat Inspection	Poage	1971-1972
Medicare	Fisher, Hall	1965-1973; 1984

Mexican Immigrants	Hall, Poage	1950s-1960s; 1976
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee	Edwards	2000-2011

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## N

National Railroad Passenger Corporation, See Also, Amtrak	Poage	1970s
New York Board of Trade/Mercantile Exchange	West	1982-1992
Nixon, Richard	Poage	1973
Nuclear Energy	Hightower	1976-1983
Nuclear non-proliferation	Edwards	
Nuclear terrorism	Edwards	

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## O

Office of Economic Opportunity	Fisher	1964-1974
Office of Price Administration	Fisher	1943-1946
Oil and Gas	Fisher, Gossett	1944-1974
Oleomargarine	Poage	1949

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## P

Palestine	Gossett	1947-1951
Panama Canal	Poage	1970s
Peanuts and Pecans	Fisher, Poage, West	
Poage, W. R.	Poage	1920s-1980s
Pollution	Fisher	1970-1974
Pornography	Fisher	1949-1974
Poverty	Fisher	1943-1974
Powell, Adam Clayton	Poage	1967
Public Housing	Dowdy, Poage	1960s-1970s

Public Law 480	Poage	1960s-1970s
Public Works	Fisher	1943-1974

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**R**

Railroads/Amtrak	Poage	1960s-1970s
Reconstruction Finance Corporation	Fisher	1945-1953
Refugees	Hall	1977-1984
Religious Liberty	Edwards	
Rivers and Harbors	Fisher	1943-1947
Rural Electrification Administration, REA	Fisher, Poage	1930s-1970s
Rural Programs	Poage, West	1970s

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**S**

School Busing	Poage, Steelman	1960s-1970s
Selective Service	Fisher	1943-1974
Small Business Administration	Fisher	1943-1974
Smith, Sr., William	Smith	1890-1912
	Fisher, Poage	1940s-1970s
Social Security	Edwards	1991-2011
Soft Drinks "Cola Wars"	Hall	1979-1980
Soil Conservation Service	Fisher, Poage	1930s-1970s
South East Asia	Hall	1978
State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)	Edwards	
Stelman, Alan	Stelman	1973-1976
Sugar/Sugar Beets	Poage	1960s-1970s
Sumners, Hatton	Sumners	1911-1926
Supreme Court	Fisher, Poage	1937-1978

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**T**

Tariff Commission	Fisher	1945-1970
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Taxes	Poage	1940s-1970s
Texas Constitution Revision	Adams, Hightower	1973-1974
Texas Legislature	Adams, Hightower, Place, Poage	1920s-1990s
Texas State Technical Institute [TSTI/TSTC]	Poage	1960s-1970s
Tidelands in Texas	Fisher, Gossett, Pickett, Poage	1940s-1950s
Tobacco	Poage, West	1960s-1980s
Tornadoes in Texas	Hightower, Poage	1953, 1979, 1984
Trade	West	1982-1992
Transportation	Hightower, Poage, Steelman	1930s; 1970s- 1980s
Trinity River	Pickett, Steelman	1946-1952; 1972-76
Truman, Harry	Poage	1952

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**U**

Un-American Activities	Fisher	1944-1974
United Nations	Fisher	1944-1974
Universal Military Training	Poage	1950s
University Research Programs at BU and TAMU	Edwards	
Urban Renewal	Dowdy	1960s-1972

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**V**

Veterans Administration, VA	Edwards, Fisher, Hall, Poage	1940s-2010
Veterans Affairs	Edwards	1991-2011
Veterans Healthcare and Benefits	Edwards	2007-2011
Vietnam	Fisher, Hall, Poage, Steelman	1960s-1970s

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**W**

Waco, TX	Poage	1940s-1970s
War;	Fisher	1942-1954
Water/Water Projects	Hightower, Pickett, Poage	1940s-1970s
Watergate	Fisher, Poage, Steelman	1973-1975
Welfare	Fisher	1943-1974
[Women's] Equal Rights Amendment, ERA	Fisher, Steelman	1954-1974
Wool and Mohair	Fisher	1943-1974