

## Houston vs. Lamar Smackdown

# Republic of Texas Presidential Debate

In your role as either Houston or Lamar, discuss your position on the following topics for 30 seconds each. Explore as Houston and Lamar debate . . .

### Native Americans:

**Houston:**

We must maintain peace with our Indian neighbors.

**Lamar:**

Indians are inferior and have no right to any land in Texas.

### Annexation vs. Empire

**Houston:**

It is our policy to hold out the idea that we are very able to sustain ourselves against any power . . . Yet I am free to say to you that we cannot do it.

**Lamar:**

I shall feel the blood of our martyred heroes had been shed in vain.

### Relations with Mexico

**Houston:**

Negotiation is the only way to lasting peace.

**Lamar:**

The only way to ensure our empire is to defeat our enemies.

### Location of the Capitol

**Houston:**

Austin is not safe; it is too close to Mexico and attack.

**Lamar:**

The capitol should be moved to Austin to honor the father of Texas.

### Finances

**Houston:**

In order for our empire to succeed, money must be spent.

**Lamar:**

We are too far in debt to do anything else but reduce spending.

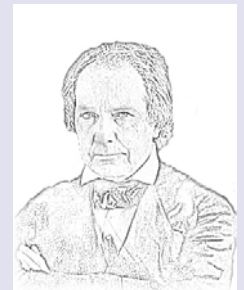
**FEATURING:**

two who agreed to disagree!



**Sam Houston**

- First President of the Republic of Texas
- Hero of the Battle of San Jacinto
- Supported annexation of Texas by the U.S
- Loved Native Americans



**Mirabeau B. Lamar:**

- Second President of the Republic of Texas
- Wanted Texas to stay a republic, and opposed annexation of Texas by the U.S
- Moved the capitol of Texas from Houston to Austin
- Hated Native Americans