

## SPEAKING AND LISTENING ACTIVITIES BASED ON READING. DAVID CROCKETT

1. In pairs the students read aloud to each other half of the following text on the life of the real David Crockett.

### Davy Crockett

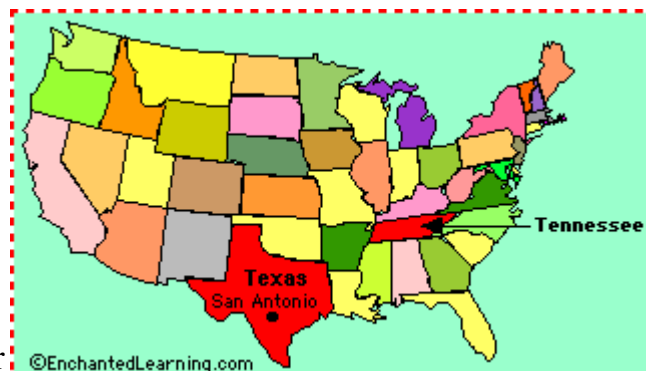


David (Davy) Crockett (born August 17, 1786 - died March 6, 1836) was an American frontiersman, bear hunter, sharpshooter, soldier, legislator, and folk hero. Davy was born in a cabin near Limestone, [Tennessee](#) (in eastern Tennessee) and had little formal schooling; he was the fifth of nine children born to John and Rebecca Hawkins Crockett. In 1806, when he was 20 years old, Crockett married Mary Polly Finley; they had two sons, John Wesley and William Finley. As a young man, Crockett was skilled at trapping bear and raccoon. He was later famous for wearing a coon-skin hat atop his lanky, 6-foot-tall frame.

Crockett joined the US army in 1813 and served under Andrew Jackson, fighting the Creek Indians in the southeastern US from 1813 to 1814. Andrew Jackson later became President of the USA. Crockett's wife died in 1815, and he married Elizabeth Patton, a widow who had two young children.

Colonel Crockett went on to serve in the Tennessee legislature from 1821 to 1822 and from 1823 to 1824, and represented Tennessee in the U.S. Congress from 1827 to 1831 and from 1833 to 1835. In 1834, Crockett wrote his very popular autobiography, "A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett, of the State of Tennessee."

When his political career ended in 1836 (after he lost his last election for Congress), Crockett took his family to [Texas](#). Texas had recently declared its independence from Mexico.



The Alamo

Crockett and almost 200 other Texan

volunteers (including James Bowie) died on March 6, 1836, after unsuccessfully defending the [Alamo](#) (a mission in San Antonio, Texas) for 13 days against an army of thousands of Mexican soldiers

led by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. The phrase, "Remember the Alamo!" soon became the battlecry that was used by Sam Houston when he defeated Gen. Santa Anna a few weeks later at San Jacinto (on April 21, 1836), winning independence for Texas. Texas then became a Republic (led by Sam Houston), and Texas became a US state on December 29, 184

2. Now match the beginning to the end of each line:

1. Texas became a
  2. Crockett and almost 200 Texan volunteers
  3. Crockett took
  4. Colonel Crockett
  5. Crockett joined
  6. Davy was
  7. He was born
  8. As a young man he was skilled
  9. Andrew Jackson later became
  10. He was later famous for
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- a. President of the USA.
  - b. Republic.
  - c. An American frontiersman.
  - d. Wearing a coon-skin hat.
  - e. In a cabin near Limestone.
  - f. At trapping bear and raccoon.
  - g. The Army in 1813.
  - h. Died on March 6, 1836.
  - i. Represented Tennessee in the U.S. Congress.
  - j. His family to Texas.

3. Write down a few key words of the biography, not whole sentences. In the same pairs tell your partner your version of the story and check what you missed or would change from each other.

4. Based on the Black Cat (Green Apple) version of Davy Crockett the students will play a bingo card game revising the vocabulary of the whole book.

They will all have a version of the blank grid, different according to their level. They will be placed in pairs, each with the same level. The gifted students -and those who have actually read the book or showed learning about David Crockett from the rest of the unit- will have a blank version of the grid. The low levels may have a semi-blank grid with a few hints on the most difficult words. Finally, the Compensation or Integration students will have all the words and they will play it as a bingo game by dictating each other the clues and, instead of filling the missing words, just ticking on the ones they heard. This way they may become more motivating by gaining a line and a bingo.

## BINGO CARD VOCABULARY REVIEW

Student A

Alligator	50	Old Betsy	Raccoon	George & Washington	Beaver
Louisiana	Mill	Bowie knife	Trapper	Andrew Jackson	Irish
Wagon	Fur	Mohawk	Whisky	General Santa Anna	Polly

1. Indian tribe
2. Number of American States
3. American General
4. Davy Crockett's wife
5. Davy's father's nationality
6. Animal skin
7. Dictator of Mexico
8. Davy's children
9. Water animal
10. What a pioneer invented
11. American state
12. American animal
13. Davy's job
14. Old means of transport
15. In Lawrenceburg Davy opened a ....
16. Davy's long rifle
17. Animal, symbol of Canada
18. Drink to celebrate victories

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Student B

Settlers	Suit	Congressman	Mississippi	William Travis	Deguello
Ammunition	Barrel	The Alamo	Mexico	Washington D. C.	Red flag
Attack	Fur	Unfair	Flood	Mud and stones	Lincoln

1. Item of clothing Davy wore as a politician
2. Container for beer and water
3. American president
4. Politician Davy became
5. What destroyed Davy's mill
6. People who arrive and stay in a place
7. Spanish church and fort
8. American Colonel and lawyer
9. What the Mexicans showed
10. Country Texas belonged to
11. The Americans had little ...
12. Country Texas belonged to
13. The Americans put this in the Mexican's cannon
14. What American soldiers had to do with The Alamo
15. U.S. laws were...
16. Capital of the U.S.