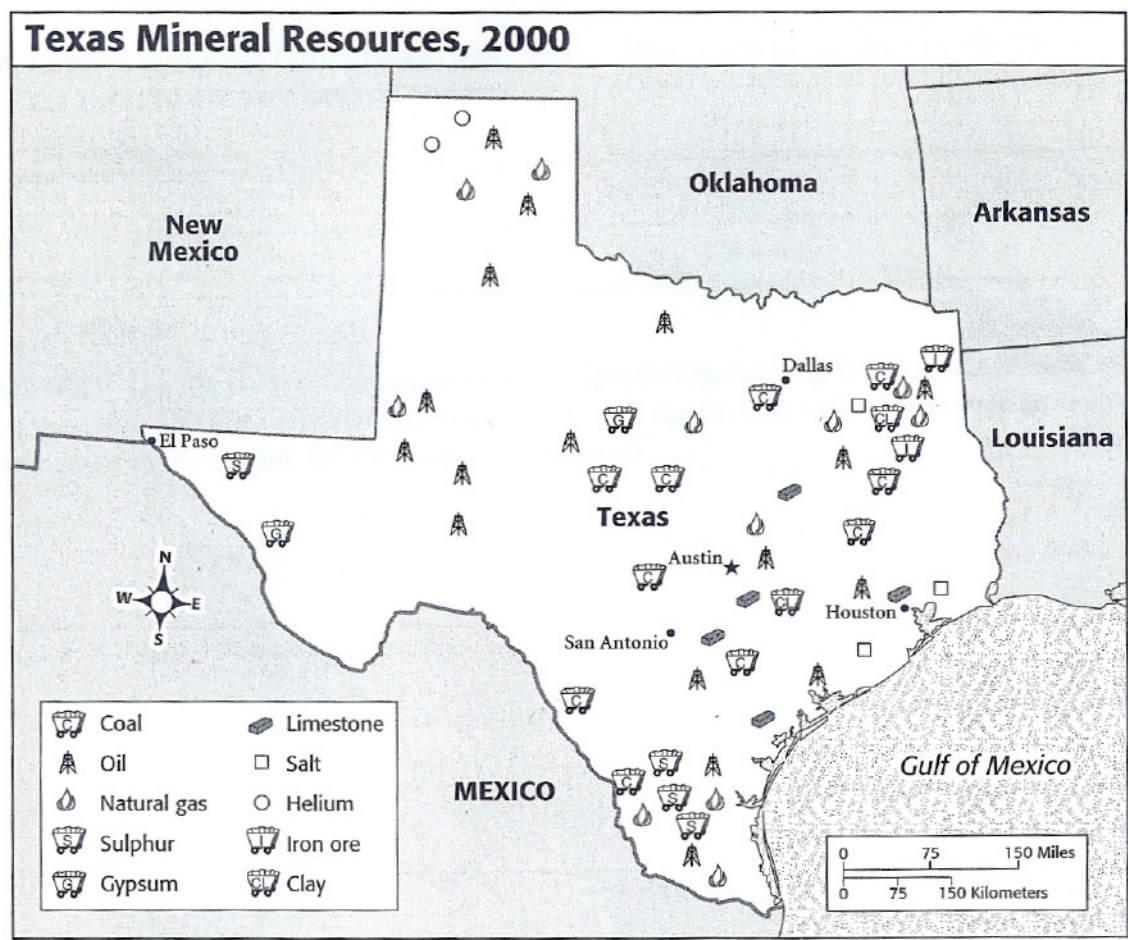


# GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITY 2

## Texas Mineral Resources

Texas leads all states in the value of mineral production, largely because of its vast oil reserves. In addition to oil, Texas supplies almost one-third of the natural gas produced in the United States. Other important minerals found in Texas include sulphur, gypsum, clay, helium, salt, coal, and limestone. Examine the map below, and answer the questions that follow.



**Geography Activity 2, continued**

**TRUE/FALSE**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Oil is not found in the Texas Panhandle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Helium is found near most of the oil-producing areas of Texas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Limestone is found near Austin and San Antonio.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sulfur is mostly produced in the far southern part of the state.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Natural gas is widely distributed across most of Texas.

**6. Critical Thinking: Environment and Society** How might life in Texas be different if the state did not have large oil reserves?

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**ACTIVITY** Use library resources to learn about Spindletop, an early Texas oil boom town. Imagine that you are a reporter covering the story of the first days after the gusher. In your story, try to capture the excitement in the town.