

Sam Houston: The Raven of San Jacinto



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Houston was born in Virginia in 1793. He grew up in poverty and had little formal education. But he was a natural leader and a gifted orator. He served in the U.S. Army during the War of 1812 and distinguished himself in battle.

After the war, Houston moved to Tennessee, where he served in the state legislature and as governor. He was a strong supporter of Andrew Jackson and the Democratic Party.

In 1832, Houston was elected to the U.S. Congress. He served for two terms, but his career in Washington was cut short by scandal. He was accused of having an affair with a married woman, and he was censured by the House of Representatives.

Houston resigned from Congress and returned to Tennessee. But he soon became involved in the Texas Revolution. In 1835, he was elected commander-in-chief of the Texas army.

Houston led the Texas army to victory at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. This victory secured Texas's independence from Mexico. Houston served as the first president of the Republic of Texas from 1836 to 1838.

After Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845, Houston served as a U.S. senator from Texas. He was a strong advocate for states' rights and opposed the Compromise of 1850.

Houston retired from politics in 1859 and moved to Huntsville, Texas. He died in 1863, just months after the outbreak of the Civil War.

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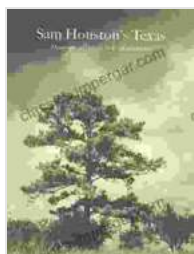
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