



**"WATCH SAN ANTONIO WAKE-UP"
FIELD TRIP IDEA**

Our schedule for this morning:

TIME	PLACE
3:50 a.m. - 4:15 a.m.	Medical Center Hospital
4:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.	WOIA Radio
5:15 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.	San Antonio Police Headquarters
6:15 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.	San Antonio Terminal Market
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Butterkrust Bakery
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. -10:00a.m.	Union Stockyards

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Sample TEKS Alignment Grade 12
 - 113.43.c.8 - understands how people, places, and environments are connected and interdependent;
 - 113.43.c.11 -understands how geography influences economic activities.

BON VOYAGE!!! THIS MORNING YOU ARE EXPLORERS!!!

Be inquisitive, friendly, observant, and careful. Use your senses: look, sniff, drink, eat, listen, touch, and talk.

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Texas Alliance for Geographic Education. *Young Geographers Alliance: Program Guide*. (San Marcos, Texas: Southwest Texas State University, 1991), 17-18.

Here are some geographic questions you might want some answers to:

Medical Center Hospital:

- What trade area does the hospital serve?
- Does the spatial distribution of addresses for emergency room clients differ from that of the maternity ward roster?

WOIA Radio:

- What is the broadcast range of this radio station?
- Does it fluctuate depending on the time of day?
- How does news from around the world arrive at the station?
- How does the weather forecaster put together his morning forecast?
- Does he look like his voice sounds?

San Antonio Police Headquarters:

- How are police districts organized in the city and how are police allotted to each?
- What are the most crime-prone districts in the city?
- Does the spatial distribution depend on the time of day?

San Antonio Terminal Market:

- What products originate in what parts of the country?
 - From Texas?
 - From outside of the United States?
- Are there seasonal cycles to the flows of fruit and vegetables to the market?

Butterkrust Bakery:

- Where do the ingredients to make the bread come from?
- How is the bread distributed to supermarkets around the metropolitan area?

Union Stockyards:

- How did the stockyards come to be located here in San Antonio, at this site, and when?
- What livestock are brought here, from where, and for what purposes?
- How are cattle auctioned?

The Bus:

- Note personal space relationships- just who is friendly with whom?

There is another aspect to this field trip I'd like for you to contemplate as well as the above. You have taken a brief look into the world of urban geography. The geography of cities is not only impacted by land use and value, economic change and development, transportation, communication technologies, site and situation, but by temporal forces that are just beginning to be studied in academic fashion.

A city has its geography and that geography has a daily cycle. Most people on a, roughly, 8 am to 5 pm work schedule, have little understanding of the geography of night, late night, or early morning. As the pioneers migrated to the new frontier, let us venture forth into the unknown, in this case a city, the city at night.

Recommended reading:

Night as Frontier: Colonizing the World After Dark; Free Press a division of Macmillan, Inc., New York, 1987.

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