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## Home Rule Activity VI-A

### Home Rule Cities in Texas,

as reported by the cities themselves in May 1993

Source: The Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide. Dallas Morning News: 1993.

Look over the chart below. It shows a randomly selected sample of home rule cities in Texas. (There are many more home rule cities in Texas!) Then answer the questions below.

### Chart A

City	Current Form of Municipal Government	Year Current Form Adopted	Year of First Charter
Abilene	Council-Manager	1981	1911
Ballinger	Mayor-Council	1963	1963
Childress	Council-Manager	1917	1917
Dallas	Council-Manager	1907	1889
Eastland	Commission-Manager	1923	1919
Friendswood	Council-Manager	1992	1961
Gorman	Mayor-Commission	1922	1922
Harlingen	Commission-Manager	1987	1927
Irving	Council-Manager	1989	1952
Jacksonville	Council-Manager	1954	1931
Kermit	Council-Manager	1989	1989
LaFeria	Commission-Manager	1989	1914
Mercedes	Commission-Manager	1973	1971
New Braunfels	Council-Manager	1967	1964
Orange	Council-Manager	1986	1960
Palestine	Council-Manager	1983	1871
Quanah	Council-Manager	1919	1919
Richardson	Council-Manager	1989	1956
San Antonio	Council-Manager	1951	1914
Texas City	Mayor-Council	1946	1911
Uvalde	Council-Manager	1951	1934
Vidor	Mayor-Council	1969	1969
Weatherford	Council-Manager	1983	1918
Yoakum	Council-Manager	1915	1915

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## Questions For Chart A

1. Explain in your own words what each of the four columns shows.

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2. If you want to know when a city was originally started, which column do you use?

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3. If you want to know how long a city has had a form of government, what do you have to do with the information in the third column?

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4. If you want to tell if a town has changed the kind of government it uses, where on the chart should you look?

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5. Of the towns listed, which one was chartered first?

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6. Of all the towns listed, how many still have the same form of government that they did when they were first chartered?

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7. Which city has had the same form of government for the longest time?

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8. Name a city that changed its form of government within five years of its original charter.

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9. Name two cities that do not use a city manager form of government.

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10. Which city switched over to a mayor-council form of city government most recently?

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