When Stephen Austin was advertising for colonists, he was selling land at 12½ cents per acre of land. At this time the U.S. was selling land at $1.25 per acre and the purchaser was required to buy at least 80 acres. Thus, to purchase land in the United States, one had to have at least $100.00.

1. How much would it cost to buy 80 acres of land in Texas?
2. How much more would 80 acres of land in the United States cost?
3. If a man spent $115, how many acres of land could he buy in the U.S.?
4. How many more acres of land could he buy in Texas for $115?

In 1825 the Coahuila legislature at Saltillo passed a new state law providing for colonization. Under the terms of this law, a family could receive as much as 4,428 acres of land after the payment of $30. Under the new law, single men would receive 1,107 acres of land.

5. How many more acres than a single man could a family receive?
6. If 13 families and 5 single men combined their land, how many acres would they have?
7. How many would they have if it were 13 single men and 5 families?
8. If a single man divided his land into 12 equal sections, how many acres would be in each section?

One pioneer family was made up of a husband, a wife and three children. They decided to buy from Stephen Austin as much land as they were allowed. The husband was allowed 640 acres. The wife was allowed 320 acres. Each child was allowed 160 acres. The cost of the land was 12½ cents an acre.

9. How much land did this family get altogether?
10. How much did the land cost?
11. How much land would a husband and wife with one child have received?
12. How much would this second family's land have cost?
13. How much more did the first family spend than the second one?

The first family kept its land for many generations. Finally, it sold 150 acres of the land for $342 an acre.

14. How much did the land cost the new buyer?
15. How much more did the new buyer spend for an acre of land than the original buyer had?
16. How many acres did the family now have?

Many years later the last member of the family decided to sell the rest of the land. The price was now $1738 an acre.

17. How much money did the last member of the family receive?
18. If more of the family's land had been sold before this sale, how much would the last member of the family have received?