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Originally named Mission San Antonio de Valero, the Alamo initially served as home to missionaries and their Indian converts for nearly seventy years. Later, it became the stage for the famous battle of the Texas Revolution filled with legends of bravery, courage and conviction.

1. Mission San Antonio de Valero aka The Alamo
2. Sam Houston—General of the Texan Army sent Jim Bowie to the Alamo to destroy it and bring the cannons, weapons, and men to meet him.
3. Jim Bowie decided instead to reinforce the Alamo because of his connections to San Antonio.
4. Juan Seguin took the reinforcement request to Gen. Houston and was not allowed to return.
5. James Bonham came to the Alamo with Jim Bowie. Died at Alamo. Bonham, TX name for him.
6. Tejanos were Texans of Mexican or Spanish descent that fought to defend their new home.
7. Texians were US expats who came to Texas for a new start and the freedom it offered.
8. Micajah Autry came to the Alamo from Tennessee with David Crockett who died here.
9. In addition to the militia members a few Texas Regulars came with Col. Travis.
10. After General Santa Ana arrived many of the women and children in the Alamo were allowed to leave before hostilities.
11. The Mexican flag was adopted on September 16, 1968.
12. General Jose de Urrea plead for leniency for the Texans against Santa Ana's "no quarter" order.
13. Gen. Santa Ana ordered "Play Deguello," (*meaning slit throat*) before firing on the fortifications each night.
14. President General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana ruthless head of the Mexican Army and Nation.
15. Legend say William Barret Travis drew a line in the sand, but he indeed wrote the famous "Victory or Death" letter.
16. David "Davey" Crockett—former U.S. Senator, one of the last to die during the battle surrounded by fallen combatants.
17. The flag of the Republic of Texas from 1836-1839.
18. Many women stood with the defenders to the end and survived.
19. Estimates are 7,000 men of the Mexican Army came against 200 in the Alamo, approximately 1,000 died.
20. The main body of the Texas Army was far away with General Houston.
21. The keystone over the mission door has intertwined M.A.R. for Maria Angleorum Regina—Mary Queen of the Angels.
22. The current Texas Flag was adopted on January 25, 1839.
23. The Crockett Hotel, where some from this historic battle are rumored to still roam around.