***Stephen F. Austin: The Son Becomes Father of Texas***

**by Mary Dodson Wade, illustrated by Pat Finney**

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Stephen F. Austin is the namesake of our home city, the capitol of Texas. Do you ever wonder why his name was chosen? Take a look through the book, using the timeline copied from the back, to see if you can figure out why the author decided the events were important. The keywords from the timeline are underlined; look for those in the chapters and pages to help you find the answers.

**Facts from Timeline/ Hint Why is this important/ what does this mean?**

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| **1793 Born in Austinville, Virginia**  **Chapter 1, p. 7-8** | Why was it called Austinville? |
| **1810 Graduates Transylvania University, Lexington, KY**  **Chapter 2, p. 15** | Why is this important? |
| **1812 Helps father run lead mines**  **Chapter 2, p. 15-16** | What does this tell us about Stephen F. Austin? |
| **1815 Elected to Missouri Territory Legislature**  **Chapter 2, p. 17** | What does this tell us about Stephen F. Austin? |
| **1821 Moses Austin dies; Stephen F. Austin becomes empresario**  **Chapter 4, p. 24** | What is an empresario? |
| **1823 Receives permission to settle 300 families**  **Chapter 4, p. 24** | Who is settling where? |
| **1833 Takes petition to Mexico; arrested and imprisoned**  **Chapter 8, p. 43-44** | What was asked for in the petition? |
| **1835 Returns to Texas; sent to United States to seek aid**  **Chapter 10, p. 53** | Aid for what? |

On the back of the page, write why naming the Texas capitol after Stephen F. Austin was a good choice.