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## Meet the Originals

*Texas Originals* is a radio series about people who made an impact on Texas. You can hear it online and on radio stations around the state. Read or listen to the episode on Amon G. Carter. Then, answer questions about it.

### Amon G. Carter 1879–1955

People come from around the world to view the art in Fort Worth's Amon Carter Museum of American Art. Works by Frederic Remington and Charles Russell, acquired by Carter, form the heart of the collection. Carter didn't live to see his grand museum completed, but he didn't build it for himself. He built it for his fellow citizens, especially those in his beloved city of Fort Worth.

Carter was born in 1879 in tiny Crafton, Texas, near Wichita Falls. After arriving in Fort Worth at age twenty-five, Carter quickly made his mark. As the advertising manager of the *Fort Worth Star* newspaper, Carter talked investors into buying the more established *Fort Worth Telegram* and merging the two papers. The newly formed *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* dominated the region.

Carter went on to drill for oil and invest in radio, television, and aviation. He tirelessly promoted Fort Worth and worked to bring industry to the city. Carter also shared his wealth. Every Christmas, he anonymously gave each resident of Fort Worth's orphanages and senior homes an envelope with a crisp, new five-dollar bill.

Carter died in 1955. His will contained instructions for building his art museum on a hill looking toward downtown Fort Worth. He once said, "As a youth, I was denied the advantages which go with the possession of money." The museum, which charges no admission fee, was his final way of giving others an opportunity he himself never had.

**Check for Understanding:** Answer the questions below based on evidence from the episode on Amon G. Carter. Refer to the text included above if needed.

1. According to the episode, why did Amon G. Carter build an art museum in Fort Worth?
2. What role did Carter play in the creation of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*?

**Going Further:** Write or discuss your answer to the question below, supporting your answer with evidence from the episode or additional information you have learned in class.

3. **Making Inferences.** What advantages did Carter attribute to exposure to the arts?