

## The Story of Jane Long

Below you will find ten events from Jane Long's Life. Put the events in the correct order on your storyboard sheet. Next, bring each event to life with illustrations!

- Jane Herbert Wilkinson was born in Maryland on July 23, 1798. She was the youngest of 10 children.
- In 1821 Dr. James Long left Jane and the girls at a fort on Bolivar Peninsula. They endured a very harsh winter and had to search for food and supplies. During a winter storm Jane gave birth to baby Mary James.
- When Jane was sixteen, she met and fell in love with Dr. James Long. They were married two weeks later on May 14, 1815.
- In 1837 Jane moved to Richmond, Texas where she built another boarding house and had a farm and home on the Brazos River. She spent her remaining years there until she died in 1880.
- One day Jane looked across to Galveston Island and saw Karankawa Indians heading towards the fort. Jane used her red petticoat as a flag and began firing the cannon. The Karankawa Indians began to retreat.
- In 1832 Jane opened a boarding house in Brazoria. Many important people came to stay including Sam Houston, William B. Travis, and Stephen F. Austin.
- During their first years of marriage, Dr. James Long often traveled to Texas. Jane, their daughter Ann, and enslaved girl Kian traveled with him.
- Jane joined Empresario Stephen F. Austin at his colony on the Brazos River. She received a league of land in Fort Bend County and a labor of land in Waller County.
- During one of their early visits to Texas Jane Long dined with the Pirate Jean Lafitte on Galveston Island.
- After many months, Jane and the girls abandoned the fort at Bolivar in 1822. Sadly, Jane finally received word that her husband had been captured by Mexican forces and had died in prison.

