

Rocket explores the underground caves and caverns.

Texas history isn't just on the surface. At one time or another, the Indians used caverns and caves for living and for protection. Ancient pictographs, or drawings, can be seen on the walls of some of the caves.



Stalagmites and stalactites grow in underground caverns. They are created from the water that seeps through the rock formations within the caverns.



Stalagmite
or Stalactite...

What's the difference?

Both are icicle-shaped formations, but a stalactite hangs from the ceiling and a stalagmite rises from the ground.

There is a whole other world below the surface of Texas in the form of underground caves and caverns.

Can you point out the stalagmites and stalactites in the pictures?
(hint: remember "g" for ground and "c" for ceiling)



Natural Bridge Caverns is pictured above and to the right.



A picture is worth a thousand words...literally. Indians used pictographs on cave walls to tell stories or to record history. The Panther and Parida caves are home to 4,000 year-old Indian pictographs. Together, both caves contain over 300 examples of ARCHAIC rock art.

