

Answer Key: How do we know what we know?

Warm-up

- Answers will vary

Lesson

Part I: Challenges in Mexico

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| 1. F | 4. B |
| 2. A | 5. D |
| 3. E | 6. C |

Grade Level and Foundations

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| 1. B | 3. A |
| 2. D | 4. Responses will vary |

Advanced

1. Responses will vary but should include: Congress was unable to agree on what type of government Mexico should have. Some wanted a king, some wanted an emperor, and some wanted a republic.
2. The army took control of the city and proclaimed Iturbide emperor. Student opinions on if the Mexican people supported this action will vary, but will likely be negative because based on the goals of the War for Mexican Independence, the people wanted freedom.
3. This document is a letter written by Stephen F. Austin. Student views on reliability may vary, but will likely be that the source is basically reliable. Additional information that could help corroborate the reliability of the source will vary, but could include government documents or other accounts from people who were also there.

Part II: Challenges in Texas

Grade Level and Foundations

First Excerpt

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Second Excerpt

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2. Responses will vary
3. A, B, C, E, F

Advanced

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Second Excerpt

1. Governor Martínez supported Moses Austin's proposal because he says that the families will have "integrity" and "good habits", so they will be good people.
2. The Spanish government may have had fears or anxiety regarding inviting Americans. This can be inferred by the comment by Governor Martínez when he seems to reassure the Spanish government that there is nothing to fear.
3. All the sources came from first-hand accounts of people who wrote letters about their thoughts related to important events like political meetings, government leadership, and bringing Anglos into Spanish Texas. Benefits and drawbacks may vary but could include bias from people's individual opinions.

Exit Ticket

- Answers will vary