# Mexican National Unit Vocabulary

| **Vocabulary Terms** | **Key People** | **Major Events** |
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| ● **Anglo-American:** a white, English-speaking American  ● **cash crop:** a crop produced for a profit rather than for a growers use  ● **Centralism:** the control of states in which the power is held under a centralized authority rather than in the power of the states  ● **Constitution:** a document explaining the fundamental principles or established precedents by which a government is to be governed  ● **empresario:** person who arranged for the settlement of land in Texas  ● **Federalism:** a type of government in which the power is divided between the national government and other governmental units  ● **filibuster:** an adventurer who engages in unauthorized military expeditions into foreign countries  ● **immigrate:** to move into a foreign country as a permanent resident  ● **nationalism:** loyalty to one’s nation with the belief that the nation should have sovereignty over their homeland and have a national identity with a shared culture, language, religion, and politics  ● **Tejano/Tejana:** a person of Mexican heritage who lived in Texas as his or her home  ● **The Old 300:** The original 300 families granted permission to settle in Stephen F Austin’s colony | ● **Moses Austin:** (October 4, 1761 – June 10, 1821): founder of the American lead industry. Proposed settlement of 300 Anglo families in Texas to the Spanish government. His dying request was for his son, Stephen F. Austin, to move forward with his plans for the Austin Colony in Texas  ● **Stephen F. Austin:** (November 3, 1793 – December 27, 1836): settled the Old Three Hundred families in the Austin Colony. Imprisoned in Mexico 1834-35. Supported organized opposition to Mexico. First Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas  ● **Erasmo Seguín:** (1782-1857): a Tejano who helped Moses Austin obtain approval from Spanish officials to settle American colonists in Texas. Texas representative to the congress that wrote the Constitution of 1824, where he worked on the National Colonization Law of 1825  ● **Juan Seguín:** (October 27, 1806 – August 27, 1890): son of Erasmo Seguin, he supported Texas' right to influence Mexican law, and commanded a unit at the Battle of San Jacinto  ● **Martin De Leon:** (1765–1833): a Mexican empresario who settled 200 families in South Texas, he founded the town of Victoria in 1824 and was a very successful rancher  ● **Green DeWitt:** (1787-1835): a major empresario who was granted permission to settle 400 Anglo-Americans next to Austin's colony  ● **José Antonio Navarro:** (February 27, 1795 - January 13, 1871): a leading Tejano participant in the Texas Revolution, one of the three Mexican signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence and one of just two native-born Tejano signers  ● **Manuel de Mier y Terán:** (February 18, 1789 – July 3, 1832): toured Texas with a military escort to make recommendations about the future of Texas. Recommended measures be taken to stop the United States from acquiring Texas. His suggestions were used to help create the Law of April 6, 1830 | ● **Mexican Federal Constitution of 1824**: stated the official religion was Catholicism banning all other religions and giving states the right to elect their own representatives. Slavery wasn’t included in the constitution  ● **State Colonization Laws of 1825**: laws that allowed colonization of Mexico by Anglo-Americans and defined privileges and limitations of those settlers. The law defined the amount of land and uses, no tax due for 10 years, citizenship after 3 years, and children of slaves freed at the age of 14 years  ● **Fredonian Rebellion**: near Nacogdoches in 1826, the Fredonian Republic claimed that Texas was no longer under Mexican control, Benjamin Edwards led a small group into Nacogdoches, claiming this city as the capital of Fredonia; Fredonians gave up when they heard of Mexican troops coming in 1827  ● **Mier y Terán Report**: report written by a Mexican official named Manuel de Mier y Terán; convinced Mexico they needed better control of Texas  ● **Law of April 6th, 1830**: after Mier y Terán wrote his report that Anglo Texans could not be trusted, this law closed the frontier of Texas to any further Anglo-American settlement |