

# Study Guide *Foundations*

## Unit 4: The Mexican National Era

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### Part I: Key Terms and Definitions

Read each description in the box on the right. Choose the correct person who best fits the description from the options on the left. Circle or highlight the correct option.

1. Green DeWitt Martín de León Erasmus Seguín	A Tejano man who supported Anglo colonization of Texas. He helped Stephen F. Austin locate land for Anglo colonization and advocated for the Empresario System in the federal congress in Mexico City.
2. Stephen F. Austin Haden Edwards Green DeWitt	An Anglo-American empresario who founded the city of Gonzales.
Martín de León Erasmus Seguín Antonio López de Santa Anna	One of the only Mexican empresarios to colonize Texas. He and his wife founded the town of Victoria.
3. Stephen F. Austin Antonio López de Santa Anna Erasmus Seguín	He was elected as a federalist president of Mexico in 1833, but he joined a centralist revolt in 1835 that overthrew the federalist government. This caused federalist rebellions across Mexico.
4. Erasmus Seguín Stephen F. Austin Haden Edwards	This Anglo-American empresario led an attempted rebellion against the Mexican government. He attempted to claim the land he had been granted as independent from Mexico. His rebellion was shut down, but it caused concern in the Mexican government
5. Stephen F. Austin Erasmus Seguín Green DeWitt	Sometimes referred to as the “Father of Texas,” this successful empresario settled the first 300 families (The Old 300) in Texas. He was initially a strong supporter of the Mexican government and the Federalist constitution.

<p>6. The Conventions of 1832 &amp; 1833</p> <p>The Mier y Terán Report</p> <p>The Law of April 6, 1830</p>	<p>A series of restrictions on Anglo immigration into Texas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future immigration from the U.S. into Texas was prohibited.</li> <li>• Unfulfilled empresario contracts were cancelled.</li> <li>• Military forts were established in Texas to carry out the laws.</li> <li>• No more enslaved people could be brought into Texas.</li> </ul>
<p>7. The Fredonian Rebellion</p> <p>Empresarios</p> <p>The Law of April 6, 1830</p>	<p>An attempted uprising of a small group of Anglo-American settlers in east Texas who tried to claim Texas was independent of Mexico. The Mexican military stopped the uprising with the help of Stephen F. Austin and his militia.</p>
<p>8. The Law of April, 6 1830</p> <p>The Mier y Terán Report</p> <p>Empresarios</p>	<p>An investigation into Anglos in Texas that discovered that they outnumbered Tejanos 10 to 1, and many were breaking laws, like the laws prohibiting bringing enslaved people into the state.</p>
<p>9. The Fredonian rebellion</p> <p>The Conventions of 1832 &amp; 1833</p> <p>The Arrest of Stephen F. Ausitn</p>	<p>Meetings of Anglo delegates from across Texas to discuss what to do about the growing unrest. They wanted separate statehood for Texas, but the centralist government denied their request.</p>
<p>10. Colonists</p> <p>Tejanos</p> <p>Empresarios</p>	<p>Mexico hired these people as land agents to bring Anglo American families to settle and work in Texas. Mexico was hoping this would increase the non-Indigenous population and improve the economy through plantation agriculture growing cotton.</p>
<p>11. The Constitution of 1824</p> <p>The Turtle Bayou Resolutions</p> <p>The Mier y Terán Report</p>	<p>This document set up the Mexican government to share power between the states and the national government. It granted certain powers to the states and protected the rights of the people. When centralists abolished this document, many states in the country broke out into rebellions.</p>

## Part II: Matching

The left column provides significant events in the Mexican National Era. The right column provides the significant effect of each event. Match each cause on the left with its correct effect on the right.

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| ___ 1) Spain had largely<br><b>neglected Texas</b> for nearly two<br>hundred years leading up to the<br>War for Mexican Independence.   | A. As a result, the Mexican government<br><b>investigated Anglo activity in Texas</b> by<br>commissioning the <b>Mier y Terán Report</b> .<br>Concerned by the results of the report, the<br>government passed the <b>Law of April 6,</b><br><b>1830</b> , prohibiting future Anglo<br>immigration into Texas. |
| ___ 2) <b>Mexico approved</b><br><b>Stephen F. Austin</b> to work as an<br>empresario, or land agent,<br>bringing Anglo-American families<br>to settle in Texas.  | B. As a result, <b>civil war broke out across</b><br><b>several Mexican states</b> as federalists<br>rebelled against the new centralist<br>government. Many Anglos and Tejanos in<br>Texas who supported the federalist<br>government were angry and worried.   |
| ___ 3) <b>Haden Edwards</b> and his<br>men attempted to claim Texas<br>was independent of Mexico in <b>the</b><br><b>failed Fredonian Rebellion</b> .   | C. As a result, the non-Indigenous<br><b>population of Texas was very small</b> , the<br><b>economy was weak</b> , and life was very<br>difficult for many Tejanos in the region.  |
| ___ 4) The federalist president,<br><b>Antonio López de Santa Anna</b><br>joined a centralist rebellion that<br>overthrew the government and<br><b>abolished the Federal</b><br><b>Constitution of 1824</b> . | D. As a result, the non-Indigenous<br><b>population of Texas grew</b> and the<br><b>economy improved</b> , and plantation<br>agriculture increased across the region.  |

## Part III: Practice Test Questions

Answer the following questions practice test question about the Mexican National Era.

- The graphic organizer below shows significant characteristics of various eras in Texas history. Which options best characterize the Mexican National Era of Texas history? Circle or highlight **THREE** correct answers.

A widespread movement for Texan independence from Mexico spread across the Anglo and Tejano population of the state.	<del>Attempts by the United States to gain control of Texas led to strained relations between the U.S. and Mexico</del>	Economic challenges and political instability in Mexico led to unrest across the country.
Texas' population and economy grew as a result of the Empresario System and plantation agriculture.	The people of Mexico fought against the oppressive caste system to gain independence from their colonial rulers	Tension increased between many Anglos and Tejanos in Texas and the restrictive centralist government of Mexico.

- Which of the following grievances, or complaints, did many Anglos have against the Mexican government during the Mexican National Era? Select **TWO** correct answers.
  - Texas was joined with the more populated state of Coahuila under the Constitution of 1824, limiting Texas' power in the state government and making it difficult to pass laws that benefited the people of Texas.
  - ~~Federalist rebellions and protests across Mexico caused political turmoil which led to economic challenges, instability, and unnecessary armed conflicts between federalists and centralists in several states.~~
  - The government under President Antonio López de Santa Anna did not have the support of federalists across Mexico which caused his weak government to be overthrown by outside centralist forces.
  - The centralist government's actions to prohibit Anglo colonization and restrict Anglo actions within Texas threatened to harm the region's development.