

Answer Key: Significant Empresarios

Warm-up

- Student responses may vary, though based on prior knowledge from previous lessons, students should report that if they were Austin, they would not have supported the rebellion because Austin stood by the Mexican government and followed the laws.

Lesson

Part I: The First Empresarios

Consider, Respond, Discuss

- Responses will vary

Part II: Other Significant Empresarios

Grade Level and Foundations

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B

Advanced

Questions ask for short, constructed responses. Student options may vary in how they present information. The following should be used as a guide.

1. Some empresarios played significant roles in settling Anglo families in Texas, however none was as successful as Stephen F. Austin.
2. Green DeWitt established the city of Gonzales and settled 166 families in his colony, however he was required to settle 400 families by 1831. He was unable to fulfil this requirement of his contract, however.

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3. Martín De León was one of the only Mexican empresarios to receive a contract to settle 200 Mexican families in Texas. His colony was one of the only Mexican colonies, rather than Anglo-founded colonies. De León and his wife established the city of Victoria.
4. Haden Edwards could be characterized as a troublesome empresario. He threatened Tejanos living in and near his colony, he and some of his friends took control of the local government and finally took over a local fort and claimed that the land no longer belonged to Mexico, it was now his. His Fredonian Rebellion angered many empresarios who did not want him to cause problems for empresarios in Texas, and it also caused great concern for the Mexican government about Anglos in Texas.
5. Other empresarios likely opposed Edwards' actions because they caused the Mexican government to become concerned about empresarios in Texas and take measures to restrict empresario activities.

Part III: Review and Comprehension Questions

1. A – Green DeWitt, B - Martín De León, C – Haden Edwards
2. (Grade Level and Foundations: B) Dewitt believed that some of the tribes were angry with the Anglo and Tejano residents of Texas and wanted to go to war against them. (Advanced) The relationship between the Texas Indians, Anglos, and Tejanos appeared to be strained according to Dewitt, who stated that Indians were angry with some Anglo and Tejano settlements for taking land and killing some members of their tribes. Some of the tribes joined forces in order to strengthen themselves against Anglo and Tejano incursions.

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Exit Ticket

Students are asked to rewrite the incorrect statements to make them correct. There is more than one way to correctly rewrite the sentences. Use the corrections below as a guide.

1. Incorrect: Stephen F. Austin was the only empresario to settle more than 100 families in Texas. Correct: Stephen F. Austin was one of many empresarios to settle more than 100 families in Texas, though he was definitely the most successful empresario.
2. Incorrect: Many empresarios achieved the same success as Stephen F. Austin. Correct: Stephen F. Austin was the most successful empresario.
3. Incorrect: Most empresarios supported Haden Edwards' rebellion and did not support the Mexican government. Correct: Some empresarios supported Edward's, though most believed he was causing unnecessary problems, and encouraged remaining loyal to Mexico.