

Unit 4: The Mexican National Era

Lesson 5: The Empresario System Notes



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The Empresario System Warm-up



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Warm-up

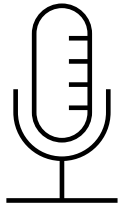
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Consider the scenario
on your warm-up.



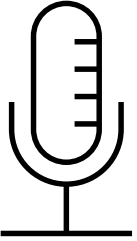
Write your responses
in the chart.



Discuss with a partner

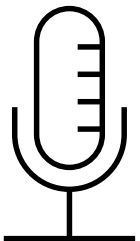


Share with the class



One reason inviting Anglo immigrants into Texas could be a **good idea** is _____

One **concern** I have about inviting Anglos into Texas is _____



One way to address my concern is by **requiring Anglos to** _____

Essential Questions



What were the Mexican, Tejano, and Anglo motivations for supporting the Empresario System in Texas?

What were the requirements for Anglos settling in Texas?

In today's lesson...

1. **We will** identify reasons different groups supported the empresario system and the requirements set for the Anglos immigrating to Texas.
2. **I will** record significant information on my guided notes explaining the motivations and requirements for Anglo immigration to Texas.

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Goals of the Empresario System



Mexico's Goals	Tejano Goals	Anglo Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen Mexico's position in Texas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the non-Indian population of Texas Grow the economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get cheap land to grow the cash crop cotton on plantations in Texas



Moses Austin



- 1820: The first Anglo-American to work with the Spanish government to settle other Anglos in Texas



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Stephen F. Austin



- **1821**: The first and most successful Anglo-American empresario to settle Anglos in Texas
- Considered “**The Father of Texas**” by some in American history
- Settled the first 300 families: “**The Old 300**”



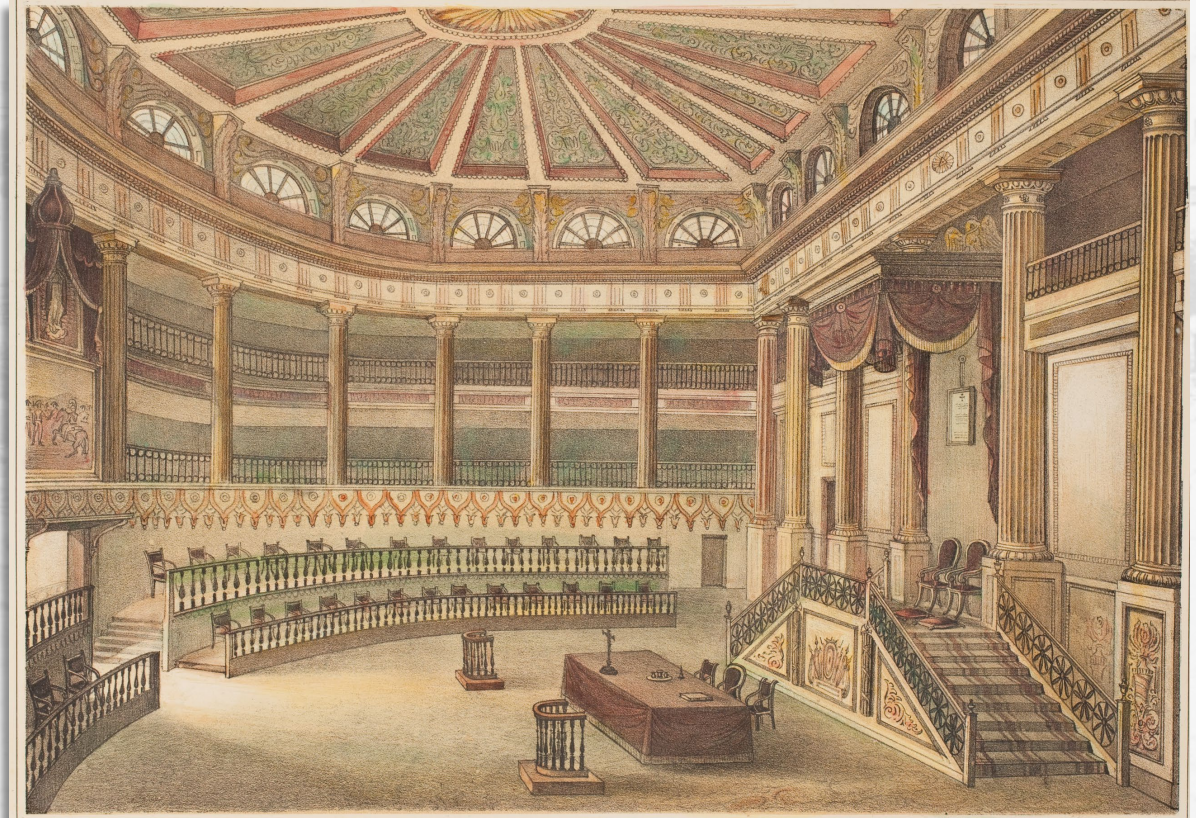
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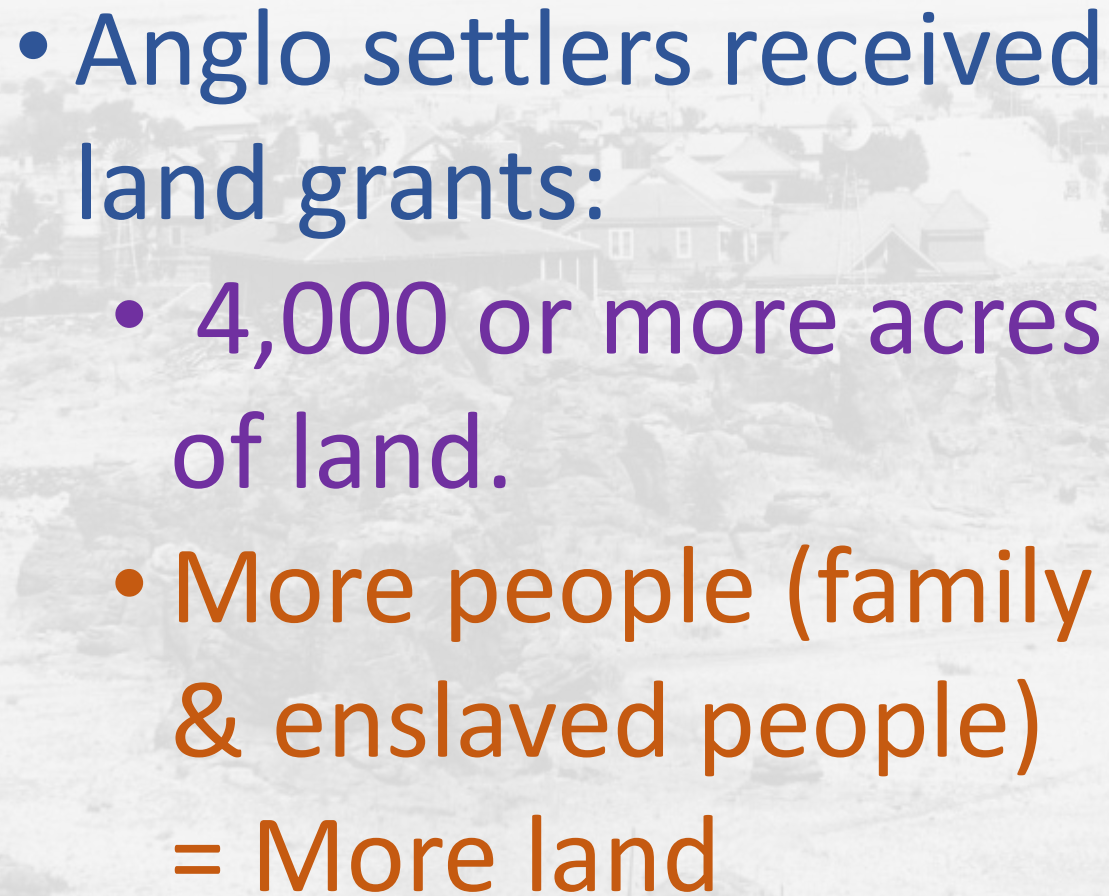
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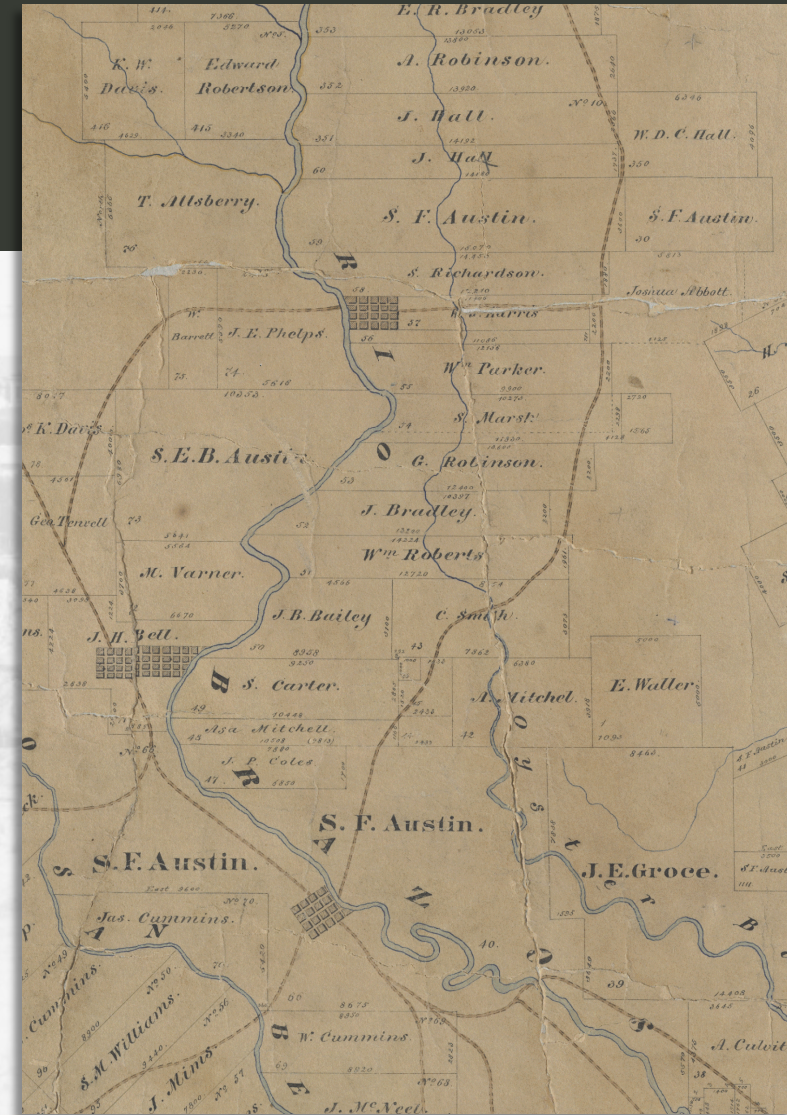


- A Tejano official in San Antonio
- Advocated for Anglo colonization in the Mexican congress.
- Helped Austin establish his colony in Texas



*Mexican Congress Room
DeGolyer Library, SMU*

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- Anglo settlers received land grants:
 - 4,000 or more acres of land.
 - More people (family & enslaved people) = More land



Map of Austin's Colony
Texas General Land Office, Austin

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Requirements to Settle in Texas



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Requirements to settle in Austin's Colony




- Become Catholic (Not strictly enforced)
- Provide reference letters showing good character
- Surveying fees: 12.5 cents per acre
- 1 year of supplies



City of Austin, 1840, The Library of Congress



National Colonization Laws of 1823 & 1824

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- States have the power to control colonization.
 - Set restrictions on the location and amount of land settlers could receive.
 - Empresarios must learn Spanish.
 - The federal government has power to stop immigration for national security.



Map of Mexico, The Portal to Texas History



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Slavery & the Empresario System



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State Constitution of Coahuila y Tejas of 1827

- **Article 13:** Tried to abolish slavery in the state over time.



- Current enslaved people will remain enslaved.
- Children of the enslaved are free.
- After 1827, no more enslaved people can be brought to the state from the U.S.





“Decree No. 56” May 5, 1828

- All contracts signed in foreign countries between emigrants and their laborers are valid in Texas.
- Tejanos and Anglos worked to get this law passed in the state government.
- Some Anglos in the U.S. created 99-year contracts for the enslaved people. This allowed many Anglos to get around the laws prohibiting slavery in Coahuila y Tejas.



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Effects of the Empresario System



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The Development of Texas

- 1821 – 1825: Approximately 3,000 new settlers in Texas (300 Anglo families and enslaved people)
- More roads and new towns like San Felipe de Austin and Gonzales.
- Increased trade with the U.S. via New Orleans.



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The Empresario System Exit Ticket



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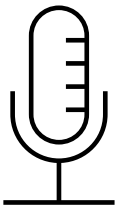
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Read the list of requirements.



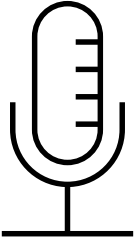
Place a checkmark next to all requirements for Anglo settlers.



Discuss with a partner



Share with the class



One requirement for the Empresario System was that Anglo settlers must _____

I think the requirement that will be the most difficult for Anglos to follow is _____ because _____

