

Answer Key: The Empresario System Guided Notes




Warm-up

- Responses will vary


Lesson

Goals of the Empresario System



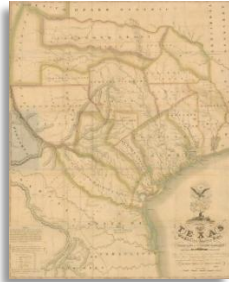
Mexico's Goals	Tejano Goals	Anglo Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen Mexico's position in <u>Texas</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the non-Indian <u>population</u> of Texas. • Grow the <u>Economy</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get cheap land to grow the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

Moses Austin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>1820</u>: The first Anglo-American to work with the <u>Spanish</u> government to settle other <u>Anglos</u> in Texas 	
Stephen F. Austin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>1821</u>: The first and most successful Anglo-American <u>Empresario</u> to settle Anglos in Texas • Considered "<u>The Father of Texas</u>" by some in American history. • Settled the first 300 families: "<u>The Old 300</u>" 	
Erasmio Seguín	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <u>Tejano</u> official in San Antonio • Advocated for Anglo <u>colonization</u> in the Mexican <u>Congress</u> • Helped <u>Austin</u> establish his colony in Texas 	

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Land Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglo settlers received <u>Land Grants</u> 4000 or more acres of land. More <u>People</u> (family & enslaved people) = More <u>Land</u> 	
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Requirements to Settle in Texas


Requirements to Settle in Austin's Colony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become <u>Catholic</u> (Not strictly enforced) Provide reference letters showing good <u>character</u> Surveying fees: 12.5 cents per acre 1 <u>year</u> of supplies 	
National Colonization Laws of 1823 & 1824	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>States</u> have the power to control colonization. Set restrictions on the location and amount of land settlers could receive. Empresarios must learn <u>Spanish</u> The federal government has power to stop immigration for national security. 	
State Colonization Law of 1827, Coahuila y Tejas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settlers take an <u>oath</u> to the Mexican government No <u>taxes</u> for 10 years Grants Mexican <u>citizenship</u> to Anglo settlers in Texas Empresarios must settle at least <u>100</u> families After <u>6</u> years, unfulfilled contracts would be cancelled 	

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Slavery & the Empresario System

<p>The State Constitution of Coahuila y Tejas, 1824, Article 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 13: Eliminates <u>slavery</u> from 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. 	 <p>A map showing the state of Texas in red and the state of Coahuila in yellow. A black arrow points from the text 'Saltillo' to a location on the border between the two states.</p>
<p>"Decree No. 56," May 5, 1828</p>	<p><i>"All contracts signed in foreign countries between emigrants and their laborers are valid in Texas."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tejanos and Anglos worked to get this law passed in the state government. • Some Anglos in the U.S. created <u>99</u>-year contracts for the enslaved people. In this way, Anglos could legally bring enslaved people to Texas. 	 <p>A black and white photograph showing a group of enslaved people, including men, women, and children, working in a field. Some are using tools like hoes and baskets.</p>

Effects of the Empresario System

<p>The Development of Texas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <u>trade</u> with the U.S. via New Orleans. 	 <p>A hand-drawn sketch of a town with several buildings, including a church with a steeple, and a river or road in the foreground.</p>
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Exit Ticket

- Become Catholic
- Become a Mexican Citizen
- Complete the requirements of their contract within 6 years
- Prove they are a good person
- Be able to support themselves and their families
- Speak/Learn Spanish
- Settle at least 100 people (Empresario requirement)
- Fulfill their contract within 6 years (Empresario requirement)