

What's the Story? *Grade Level*

Unit 4: The Mexican National Era

Name: Date: Period:

Part I Directions:

1. Read each passage about a significant topic during the Mexican National Era.
2. Complete your chart by placing each event in the correct order based on the order of the readings.
3. **When:** Write the date the event occurred. **NOTE:** Some events are **ongoing**. Some readings have more than one event. Record all significant dates.
4. **What Happened?** Write quick notes summarizing the most significant events that happened in each reading. Your notes should be 2 – 3 bulleted items in a list.
5. **Significance:** Select the option that best demonstrates the significance of the event.
Helpful Tip: Determine the significance first, then identify the events from the reading that support or demonstrate the significance for “What happened?”

First Significant Event(s)

The Economy & the Cotton Revolution

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		a) Cotton could provide a solution to Tejano and Anglo struggles. b) Many Anglos in the U.S. were struggling financially in 1819.

Second Significant Event(s)

The Empresario System & “The Old 300”

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		a) Tejanos and Anglos work together to bring Anglo cotton farmers to Texas b) Moses Austin proposed Anglo colonization of Texas for cheap land for Anglos and to help grow and develop Texas.

**Third Significant
Event(s)**

Political Challenges in Texas

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>a) Some Anglos continued bringing enslaved people into Texas after the state government made it illegal.</p> <p>b) Texas' weak position in its state government meant Anglos and Tejanos had little control over what happened in the state.</p>

**Fourth Significant
Event(s)**

Trouble in Texas: The Fredonian Rebellion

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>a) The Fredonian Rebellion caused the Mexican government to grow concerned about Anglo immigrants in Texas.</p> <p>b) Haden Edwards caused problems like conflict with Tejanos in east Texas and taking control of the local government.</p>

**Fifth Significant
Event(s)**

The Mier y Terán Report

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>a) Mier y Terán was sent to Texas to investigate the situation with Anglo immigrants in the state.</p> <p>b) In response to the perceived threat of Anglos in Texas, Mexico passed restrictions on Anglo immigration.</p>

Sixth Significant Event(s)

Growing Challenges to the Empresario System

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>a) Stephen F. Austin was imprisoned for encouraging Texans to create their own government without permission.</p> <p>b) Tension continued to grow in Texas over restrictions on Anglo immigration and the national conflict between centralists and federalists.</p>

Seventh Significant Event(s)

Political Challenges in Mexico

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
		<p>a) Mexico continued to face many challenges leading to a centralist takeover of government that caused a civil war.</p> <p>b) Mexico had a centralist leader named Augustín de Iturbide then a federalist leader named Antonio López de Santa Anna</p>

Significance of the Mexican National Era:

List three significant topics, events, or changes that came about because of the Mexican National Era:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Part II Directions: Answer the comprehension questions based on information from the readings.

1. Compare the Tejano and Anglo motivations for supporting Anglo immigration into Texas in the 1820s and 1830s.

<p>The Tejano motivations for supporting Anglo immigration to Texas were _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>The Anglo motivations for supporting immigration to Texas were _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____.</p>
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2. What political challenges existed in Mexico in its first years as a new country? Choose TWO correct answers.

- ☐ Tejanos and Anglos had less power in their state government because it was combined with the more populated state of Coahuila.
- ☐ Filibusters entering Texas and New Mexico continued to challenge Mexican authority in those states.
- ☐ The country was divided politically between Centralists and Federalists who were often in conflict for control of the government.
- ☐ Spain quickly regained control of Mexico, returning the country to its position as a colony of the Spanish Crown.

3. Over time, the Empresario System in Texas came to face more and more challenges. Explain one of those challenges. How do you predict the Tejanos and Anglos will attempt to overcome this challenge?

<p>One challenge that the Empresario System faced was _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>I think Tejanos and Anglos will attempt to overcome this challenge by _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____.</p>
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