

Answer Key: How do we know what we know?

Warm-up

- Responses will vary

Lesson

Part I: Reading Guide and Introductory Passage

- Pre-Reading Responses will vary.
- Post-Reading Responses: (Advanced students provide justification for their responses based on the reading. Explanations may vary. Justifications below should be used as a guideline.)
 - 1 – False – “The Spanish government typically did not provide them with the manpower, support, or supplies they needed to be successful.”
 - 2 – True – “Texas Indians were not interested in becoming Spanish. Texas Indian tribes, instead, wanted to continue living their own lives according to their own cultures.”
 - 3 – True – “There are surviving eyewitness accounts, official interviews, journal entries, and letters to the Spanish government”

Part II: Primary Source Activity - Advanced:

Excerpt 1:

1. The Apache do not seem interested in assimilating. The text says that they delay “submission” by saying they are sick or arguing among themselves, and they won’t settle in the Spanish towns.

Excerpt 2:

1. The San Sabá mission was under attack by 2,000 Comanches and their allies.
2. The presidio was unable to protect the mission because it was also under attack and didn’t have enough soldiers to provide reinforcements to the mission.

Excerpt 3:

1. Gutierrez was ordered to go to the mission to warn them that a large number of Indians were approaching.
2. Gutierrez reported that the Comanches said they came to the mission for the Apache, not to fight with the Spaniards.

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3. Gutierrez described the Indians as wearing their war clothes and bringing a number of different weapons including firearms, bows and arrows, and pikes. Based on this information we can infer that the Comanches and their allies came to the mission prepared to fight.

Part II: Primary Source Activity - Grade Level and Foundations

Excerpt 1:

1. B

Excerpt 2:

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| 1. False | 3. True |
| 2. True | 4. False |

Excerpt 3:

1. A
2. D
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Part III: Analyze and Infer – Advanced

Answers may vary when asked for student opinions or speculation. The responses below should provide a guideline.

1. These sources all provide a Spanish point of view of the events. We hear about the American Indians' actions and statements from the Spanish. The American Indian point of view is missing. This is probably due to the fact that most written accounts we have today are from the Spanish.
2. If they Apache were not interested in assimilating into Spanish culture or taking part in mission life, they may have been interested in settling in the missions for protection from their Comanche enemies.
3. Answers may vary, but will likely be that the missions did NOT seem to be a priority to the Spanish government. Evidence to support this claim includes accounts that describe how the presidios did not have enough people to reinforce and protect the missions.

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Part III: Analyze and Infer – Grade Level and Foundations

1. D
2. Answers will likely include the fact that primary source accounts given by American Indians are not widely available to historians today.
3. B

Exit Ticket

- Responses will vary