# Spanish Colonial Unit Vocabulary

| **Vocabulary Terms** | **Key People and Organizations** | **Major Events** |
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| ● **caste system:** a social class structure determined by birth  ● **Catholicism:** the faith and practice of the Catholic church  ● **colonization:** the process of setting up a territory under the control of a distant country  ● **Criollo:** someone of Spanish descent  ● **friar:** a Catholic living under vows to God. In Texas, friars (along with priests and missionaries) attempted to spread the Catholic faith at the missions  ● **Mestizo:** someone of mixed Spanish and indigenous heritage  ● **mission:** Spanish settlements designed to convert Native American tribes to Christianity  ● **missionary:** someone who is sent to spread religion in a foreign area or country  ● **Peninsular:** people born in Spain. They were typically at the top of the Spanish caste system  ● **presidio:** a Spanish fort or military outpost oftentimes designed to protect the missions  ● **priest:** leader or minister of a Catholic church  ● **smallpox:** a contagious disease that killed many American Indians during the establishment of Spanish missions  ● **Tejano:** someone of Mexican descent who settled in Texas  ● **Viceroy:** representative who ruled one of Spain's provinces in the Americas in the king's name | ● **Alonso de León:** Spanish explorer and soldier who found Fort St. Louis abandoned and later helped establish the first Spanish mission in east Texas, San Francisco de los Tejas  ● **Antonio Margil de Jesús:** Spanish missionary who helped establish the relatively successful San José y San Miguel de Aguayo mission in San Antonio  ● **Damián Massanet:** Spanish priest who helped establish the first Spanish mission in east Texas, San Francisco de los Tejas  ● **Francisco Hidalgo:** Spanish priest who supported the establishment of missions in east Texas. His work and attempts to get the French involved with the missions led to permanent European occupation of Texas | ● **First missions in East Texas:** In 1690, a soldier named Alonso de Leon and a priest named Damian Mazanet worked to establish missions near Nacogdoches. The missions quickly fell apart and the nearby Caddos forced the friars out  ● **Founding of:**  San Antonio – 1718  La Bahia (Goliad) – 1722  San Saba Mission – 1757 |