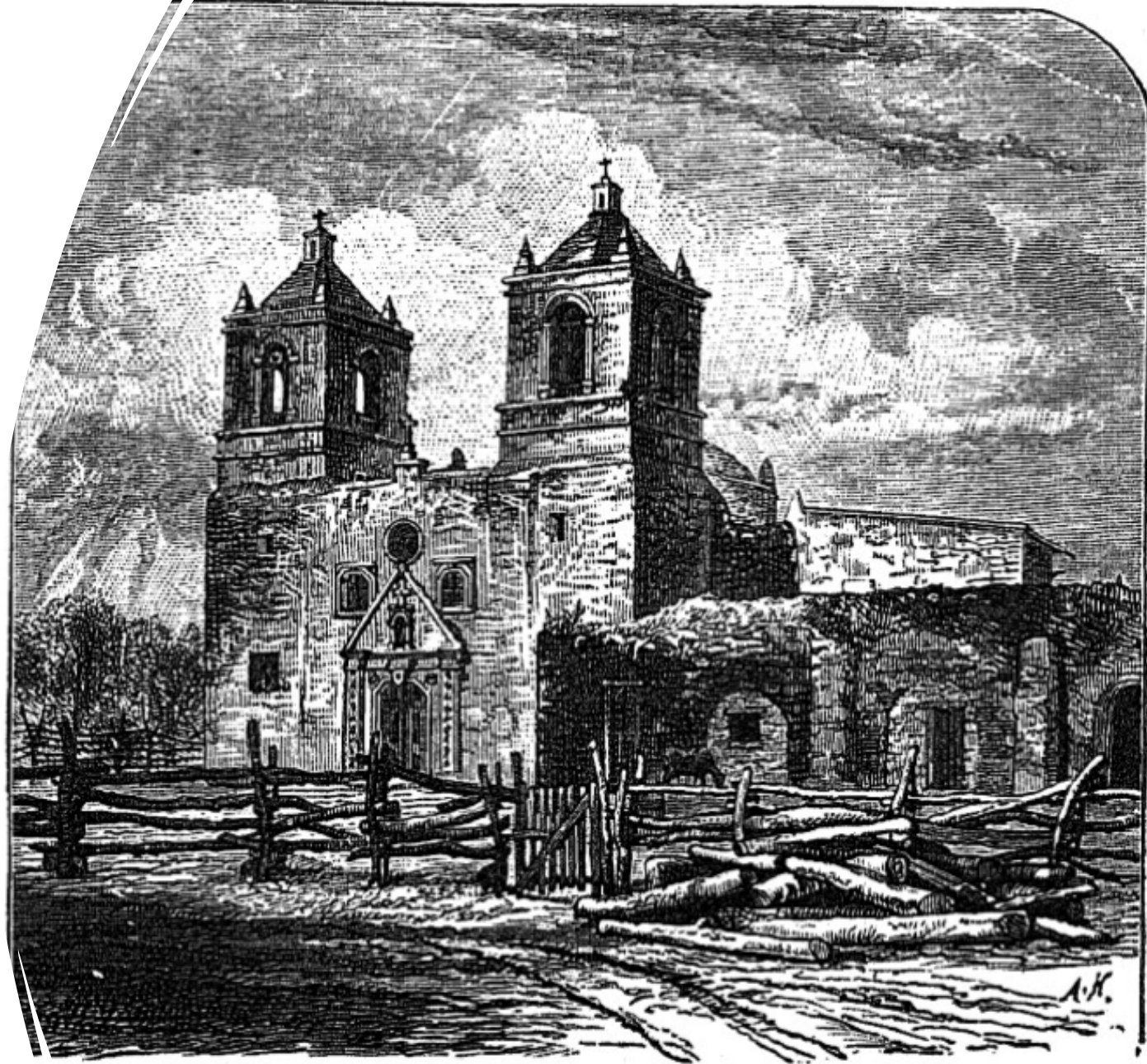


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**The Spanish  
Colonial Era**

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*Lesson 5:*  
**The Mission  
Presidio System**



THE OLD CONCEPCION MISSION, NEAR SAN ANTONIO.

# Warm-up

Follow the directions below to complete your warm-up



- Read and consider the scenario.



- Where would you establish the first Spanish mission in Texas?



- Circle the location on your map and explain your answer.



- Share your response with a partner.



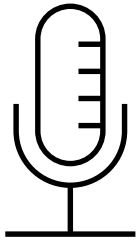
# Share with the class:

Use cardinal directions to share your chosen location with the class (**North, South, East, West, Northwest, etc.**)

I suggest Spain build its first mission in \_\_\_\_\_



I chose this location because \_\_\_\_\_



# Essential Questions



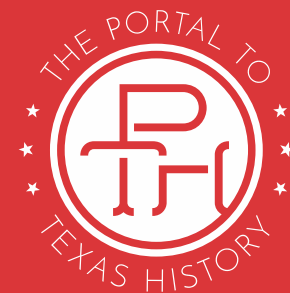
*What was the Mission Presidio System? What were Spain's goals for the system in Texas? What happened with the first missions in Texas?*

# In Today's Lesson

1. **We will** examine the beginning of the Mission Presidio System in Texas.
2. **I will** read three short passages, identify and record the key information, the significance of each reading, and answer a comprehension question for each passage.

**Texas** \_\_\_\_\_  
**History** \_\_\_\_\_  
*for* \_\_\_\_\_  
Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

# The Mission Presidio System Lesson



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# The Mission Presidio System



In the **1500s**, Spain began establishing **missions in Central Mexico to convert and assimilate** American Indians into the Spanish religion and culture. Spain established **presidios** to protect those missions, and more importantly, to protect the resources around them, like **silver mines**.

In **1690**, Spain expanded the Mission Presidio System into Texas **to strengthen its claim to the land, keep the French out of the region, and convert Texas Indians to Catholicism**. The Texas missions struggled for nearly 100 years until Spain finally began ending the mission system in Texas in **1794**.

## Key Information

Religious settlements to convert Indians and military forts to protect the land from the French.

## Significance

The Mission System failed to give Spain a strong presence in Texas.

## Essential Question

What is one reason for the mission system's failure in Texas?



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# A Spanish Mission

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| ① Church Entrance – Entrada de Iglesia                           | ⑩ Foundations of Convento – Cimientos del Convento            |
| ② Museum Entrance – Entrada de Museo                             | ⑪ N.E. Corner Bastion – Esquina del Bastión al Nordeste       |
| ③ Foundations - Original Floors – Cimientos Pisos Originales     | ⑫ Indians' Quarters – Sector Asignado a los Indios            |
| ④ Priests' Quarters – Cuartos de los Padres                      | ⑬ Nature Trail - Lime Kiln – Vereda Naturaleza Rastro Calera  |
| ⑤ Reconstructed Grill Window – Enrejado Ventana Reedificar       | ⑭ Forge – Herreria                                            |
| ⑥ Workshop – Taller                                              | ⑮ Ruins of Living Quarters – Ruinas del Sector de Alojamiento |
| ⑦ Remnant of Original Building Wall – Vestigio de Pared Original | ⑯ Hearth – Chimenea                                           |
| ⑧ Cistern or Well – Cisterna o Noria                             | ⑰ Adobe-Walled Compound – Barda de Adobe                      |
| ⑨ Skull and Crossbones – Calavera y Canillas Cruzadas            | ⑱ S.W. Corner Bastion – Esquina del Bastión al Sudoeste       |

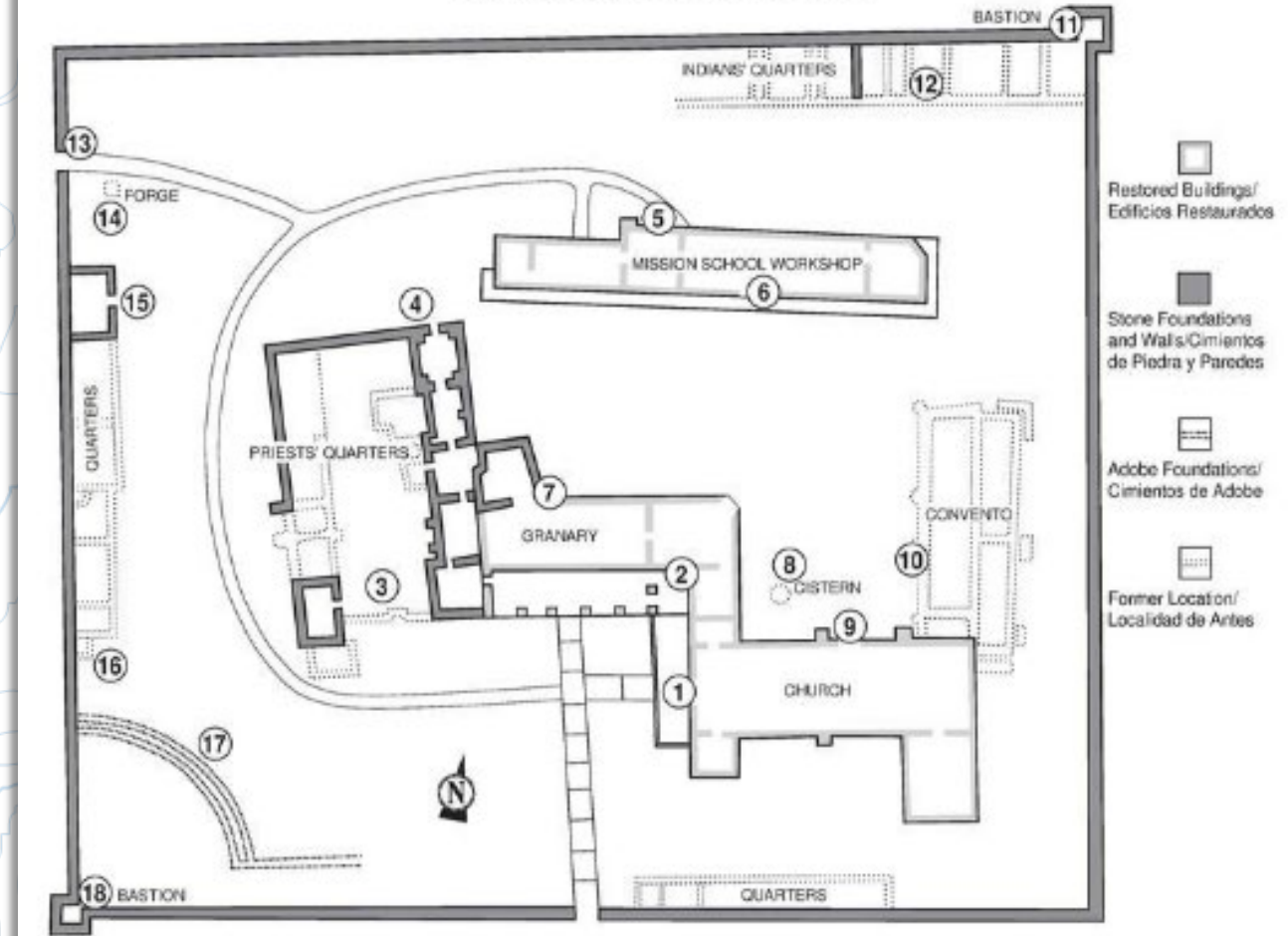
One thing I notice about this mission is \_\_\_\_



One question I have about this mission is \_\_\_\_



## Mission Espíritu Santo at Goliad State Park



*The Portal to Texas History*

# East Texas Missions



The **French** began establishing settlements east of Texas in Louisiana during the late 1600s and early 1700s. **In order to prevent the French from moving into east Texas**, the Spanish decided to establish a mission there in 1690 among the powerful and wealthy **Caddo Confederacy**. The mission was called **San Francisco de los Tejas**. It was founded for the **Tejas** Indians – a tribe within the Caddo Confederacy.

The **Caddo** were interested in **trade** with the Spanish. They were **not** interested in living in the missions or adopting the Spanish way of life. When **disease** spread through the missions killing many Caddo people, the Caddo forced the missionaries to abandon the East Texas missions and leave the area in **1693**.

## Key Information

Spain established the first missions in East Texas to prevent the French from entering the region.



## Significance

The Caddo drove out the Spanish because of disease and lack of interest.



## Essential Question

Who had more power in the region – the Caddo or the Spanish? Explain your answer.





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# The First East Texas Mission: San Francisco de los Tejas

One thing I notice  
about this map is \_\_\_\_



One question I have  
about this map is \_\_\_\_



# San Antonio



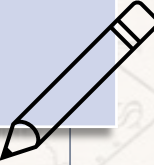
Spain continued establishing missions in **east Texas**, despite their initial lack of success. The Spanish government really wanted to prevent the French from taking over that region.

Spain's attempts to settle east Texas presented a new problem: **east Texas was incredibly far from the more populated areas of Mexico**. Moving people and supplies from central Mexico to east Texas was a long and difficult task. **Travelers needed a place to rest halfway through the journey.**

In **1718**, Spain founded **San Antonio** as a midpoint on the route to the east Texas missions. The route became known as **"El Camino Real"** or the Royal Road.

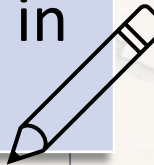
## Key Information

Spain founded San Antonio in 1718 as a midpoint on the route to east Texas.



## Significance

San Antonio will go on to become an important city in Texas history.



## Essential Question

Do you think Spain will establish missions in San Antonio too? Why or why not?





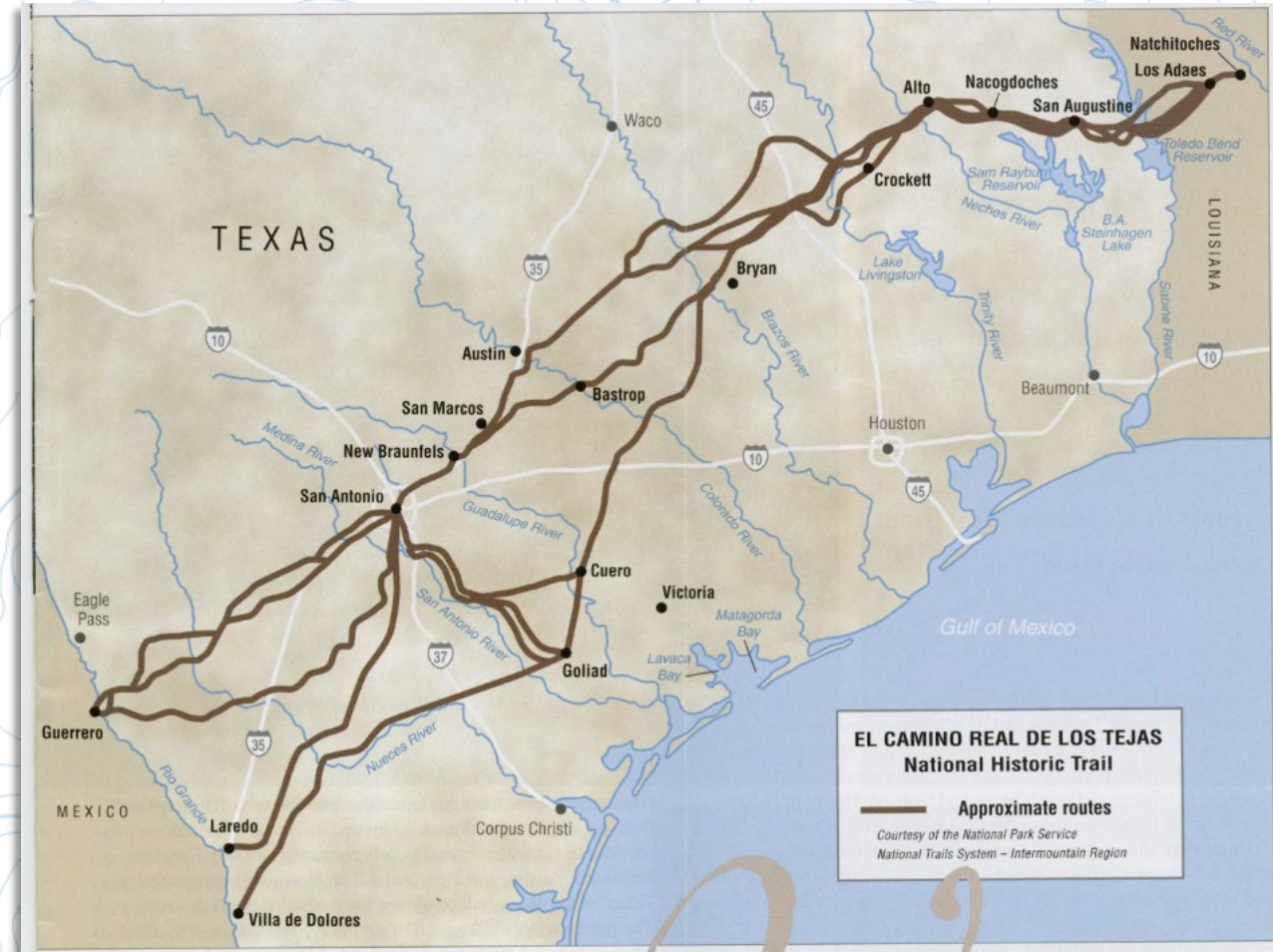
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# San Antonio & El Camino Real

One thing I notice  
about this map is \_\_\_\_



One question I have  
about this map is \_\_\_\_



# Exit ticket

Follow the directions below to complete your exit ticket.



- Read the scenario and follow the instructions to complete the text message conversation.



- How would you respond to the Spanish governor of Texas?



- Share your response with a partner.

< Messages

TX Gov.

Details

Today 10:30 AM

How's it going up there in east Texas?

# Share with the class:

My response to the  
governor would be, “\_\_\_\_\_”



His response would  
probably be, “\_\_\_\_\_”

