

# Vocabulary Quiz *Grade Level*

## *Unit 3: The Spanish Colonial Era*

Name:

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### Part I: Matching

**Directions:** Match the vocabulary term with its correct definition

1. Mission

2. Assimilate

3. Presidio

4. Founded

5. Buffer Zone

6. Raid

7. Caste System

A. A social structure dividing people by categories based on birth status.

B. Establish

C. A large, safe distance separating some valuable land from potential threats.

D. A Spanish military fort established to protect missions and strengthen Spain's claim to Texas.

E. To completely give up your own culture and adopt a different culture and way of life.

F. To attack a location with the goal of stealing resources

G. A religious settlement run by Catholic leaders with the purpose of teaching Texas Indians the Spanish religion and way of life.

## Part II: Fill in the Blank

**Directions:** Use the vocabulary terms from the matching above to fill in the blanks in the sentences below. Use the word bank for assistance.

Missions	Presidio	Assimilate	Founded
Buffer Zone	Raids	Caste System	

- One of the growing problems in New Spain during the Spanish Colonial era was the discriminatory \_\_\_\_\_ which limited rights, power, and opportunities for American Indians, Enslaved people, and people of mixed race or ethnicity.
- The Spanish wanted the Texas Indians to give up everything about their own way of life and become like the Spanish. The Texas Indians had no desire to \_\_\_\_\_, however.
- In order to attempt to assimilate Texas Indians and convert them to Catholicism, Spain established \_\_\_\_\_ run by religious leaders called friars.
- Though Texas produced no gold or silver, Spain considered the area valuable because it served as a \_\_\_\_\_ between silver mines in Mexico and the French who were settling along the Mississippi River.
- The primary goal of each \_\_\_\_\_ was to provide soldiers who could protect both the missions and Texas land from French encroachment.
- Some tribes like the Comanche of the Great Plains mounted \_\_\_\_\_ on Spanish missions and presidios in an effort to acquire valuable resources like horses.
- San Antonio was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1718 as a halfway point between the missions in east Texas and the rest of New Spain.

### Part III: Short Constructed Response

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in two to three complete sentences.

1. What is one defining characteristic of the Spanish Colonial era?

One defining characteristic of the Spanish Colonial era is _____
_____
An example of this is _____
_____
_____

2. What were Spain's goals for the Mission Presidio System in Texas?

Spain's goals for the Mission Presidio System in Texas were _____
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