

Vocabulary Quiz Foundations

Unit 3: The Spanish Colonial Era

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Part I: Matching

Directions: Match the vocabulary term with its correct definition

1. Mission

2. Assimilate

 D

3. Presidio

4. Founded

 C

5. Buffer Zone

6. Raid

 A

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.

Mission	Presidio	Assimilate	Founded
Buffer Zone	Raids	Caste System	

1. One of the growing problems in New Spain during the Spanish Colonial era was the discriminatory **(A) Raids (B) Caste System (C) Presidio** which limited rights, power, and opportunities for American Indians, Enslaved people, and people of mixed race or ethnicity.
2. 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 **(A) assimilate (B) raid (C) founded** however.
3. In order to attempt to assimilate Texas Indians and convert them to Catholicism, Spain established **(A) missions (B) presidios (C) a caste system** run by religious leaders called friars.
4. Though Texas produced no gold or silver, Spain considered the area valuable because it served as a **(A) caste system (B) presidio (C) buffer zone** between silver mines in Mexico and the French who were settling along the Mississippi River.
5. The primary goal of each **(A) presidio (B) mission (C) raid** was to provide soldiers who could protect both the missions and Texas land from French encroachment.
6. Some tribes like the Comanche of the Great Plains mounted **(A) caste system (B) founded (C) raids** on Spanish missions and presidios in an effort to acquire valuable resources like horses.
7. San Antonio was **(A) raid (B) founded (C) mission** 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 (A) the Spanish attempt to solidify their control of Texas by establishing missions and presidios (B) the Spanish attempt to locate sources of gold and silver in Texas to improve the Spanish economy. One example of this is (A) the Spanish founded silver mines in San Antonio in 1718 (B) the Spanish established missions in East Texas to convert the Caddo and keep the French out of the area.

2. What were Spain's goals for the Mission Presidio System in Texas? Choose THREE.
 - a. To establish new profitable silver mines in Texas
 - b. To solidify Spain's claim to Texas and defend the land from French Incursions.
 - c. To assimilate Texas Indians into Spanish culture.
 - d. To convert Texas Indians to Catholicism.
 - e. To establish commercial relationships with Texas Indians.