

# What's the Story? *Advanced*

## *Unit 3: The Spanish Colonial Era*

Name:  Date:  Period:

### **Part I Directions:**

1. Read each passage about a significant event or events during the Spanish Colonial era.
2. Complete your chart by placing each event in the correct order based on the order of the readings.
3. Write the title of the event and the date it occurred. **NOTE:** Some events do not have one specific date. For these events, write “**ongoing**” to show that they occurred throughout the era.
4. Write quick notes summarizing the most significant events that happened in each reading. Your notes should be 2 – 3 bulleted items in a list.
5. Write the significance of the event or events: Explain why it was important to the Spanish Colonial era. **Helpful Tip:** Determine the significance first, then identify the events that support or demonstrate the significance.

**First Significant  
Event(s)**

| <i>When:</i>         | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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**Second Significant  
Event(s)**

| <i>When:</i>         | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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**Third Significant  
Event(s)**

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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**Fourth Significant  
Event(s)**

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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**Fifth Significant  
Event(s)**

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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**Sixth Significant  
Event(s)**

| <i>When:</i> | <i>What happened?</i> | <i>Significance:</i> |
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***Seventh Significant Event(s)***

| <b><i>When:</i></b> | <b><i>What happened?</i></b> | <b><i>Significance:</i></b> |
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***Significance of the Spanish Colonial era:***

List three significant changes that came about because of the Spanish Colonial era:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

***Part II Directions:*** Answer the comprehension questions based on information from the readings.

- \_\_\_ 1) Which major theme of the unit is best represented by the primary source excerpt below?

*"I am compelled to say, that your arrival at the Nassonite village surprises me much. Your governor could not be ignorant that the post you occupy belongs to my Government, and that all the lands west of the Nassonites depend upon New Mexico. I counsel you to advise M. De Bienville of this, or you will force me to oblige you to abandon lands that the French have no right to occupy."*

- A letter from the Governor of Texas, Don Martin D'Alarconne to a French man named La Harpe who had settled among the east Texas tribe of the Nassonites – a tribe within the Caddo Confederacy. 1719. The Portal to Texas History, University of North Texas.

- a. Texas was dominated by powerful tribes of the Great Plains during the Spanish Colonial era.
- b. The Spanish Colonial era was a time of territorial conflict over land in Texas between France and Spain.
- c. New Spain's discriminatory social caste system led to conflict between different social groups within Spain's North American colonies.
- d. The United States presented a new threat to New Spain's claims to Texas during the Spanish Colonial era.

\_\_\_ 2) Which two statements are true about the Spanish Mission Presidio System in Texas? Choose **TWO** correct answers.

- a. The Spanish government hoped the Mission Presidio System would solidify its claim to lands in Texas and prevent French encroachment into the region.
- b. The Spanish government's primary goal was to spread the Catholic faith among the Texas Indian populations throughout the region.
- c. The Mission Presidio System failed because it could not meet the demands of all of the tribes who were eager to enter mission life.
- d. Most Texas Indians were disinterested in mission life or only moved into the missions for protection from enemy tribes.
- e. Tribes like the Comanche and Apache made it difficult for missions to succeed because they prevented other tribes from settling in the missions.

3) The graphic organizer below shows possible major themes of the Spanish Colonial era. Which major themes provided best characterize this era of Texas history? Select **THREE** correct answers.

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| The French invasion of Texas caused Spain to lose its hold on the region.                  | The Comanche and Apache dominated Texas, presenting challenges for the Spanish missions.      | War between Spain and France caused the Spanish to abandon the Missions System.    |
| New Spain and later Mexico struggled with the issue of strengthening their claim to Texas. | The Mission System failed to attract Texas Indians interested in converting and assimilating. | The threat of a U.S.-French alliance posed a challenge to Spain's claims to Texas. |

4) What significant role did Texas play in New Spain during the Spanish Colonial era? Write three to five sentences explaining your answer.