

# What's the Story? *Grade Level*

## 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)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<b>A)</b> Spain established missions in Texas to better claim the region.  <b>B)</b> Missions and presidios in central Mexico protected Spanish silver mines.

### Second Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<b>A)</b> Many American Indians at Texas missions died from Spanish diseases.  <b>B)</b> Missions in Texas failed for a number of reasons.

### Third Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<p><b>A)</b> The Spanish struggled with the French for control of Texas.</p> <p><b>B)</b> The real power in Texas belonged to the Comanche and Apache.</p>

### Fourth Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<p><b>A)</b> The U.S. became a new potential threat to Spain's claim to Texas.</p> <p><b>B)</b> The U.S. bought the Louisiana territory in 1803 from France.</p>

### Fifth Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<p><b>A)</b> Mexico's war for independence weakened Texas by reducing its population</p> <p><b>B)</b> New Spain's caste system led to a war between social classes.</p>

### Sixth Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<p><b>A)</b> Some Americans entered Texas to fight in the rebellion against New Spain.</p> <p><b>B)</b> New Spain's actions against Americans and Tejanos rebelling in Texas reduced Texas' population even more.</p>

### Seventh Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		<p><b>A)</b> Mexico became a country and struggled with an incredibly an incredibly weak claim to Texas.</p> <p><b>B)</b> Many Tejanos fled Texas during the war for Mexican independence.</p>

### Significance of the Spanish Colonial era:

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

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

**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) 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.

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.

- \_\_\_ 3) What significant role did Texas play in New Spain during the Spanish Colonial era? Write one sentence giving an example to support the claim made by the topic sentence.

<p>Texas played a significant role in New Spain during the Spanish Colonial era. One example of this is _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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