

Mexican Independence Movement (1810-1824)



Same idea, wrong country.

THE WAR

September 16, 1810 to
September 27, 1821

Mural Diego Rivera



Quick Backstory



- Keen: Napoleon → Spain becomes “a helpless satellite” (160)
- And, also according to Keen: → “Among the causes of the revolutionary crisis that matured from 1808 to 1810, the decline of Spain under the **inept** Charles IV was certainly a major one” (159).
- 1793: Spain & England *vs.* France
- Post-1795: Spain & France *vs.* England
 - England cuts Spain off from Atlantic
 - Spain forced to allow neutral ships to sail from Spain to foreign ports in order to trade with its colonies

Note to self:
never mess
with England

Casual Anarchy



1808: Napoleon forces Charles IV and Ferdinand VII to abdicate.

So, rich white males (Creoles and Peninsulares) decide to try to make their own governments...

Causes of the Revolution

RADICAL AND OUTLANDISH DEMANDS ARE MADE!

Mexico's citizens (specifically Creole, originally) wanted to...

- Revamp society's views
- Improve political institutions



Prime examples of how nobody learns from history

Revamping Society

- Redo land distribution policy
- Reduce Catholic Church's wealth and power
- Remove foreign control of economy





Due to strict, traditional societal views, Mexican nationalism is born amongst the middle and lower classes.

What Does Burns Think?

An actual image of Burns (possibly):



His theses:

“The Mexican struggle for independence began as a major social, economic, and political revolution but ended as a conservative coup d'etat” (79)

AND

“Can fundamental societal changes occur rapidly, if at all?” (195).

Keen?

In Keen's opinion:

- For a time there was an “incipient social revolution” (169).
- The war crossed more social boundaries.

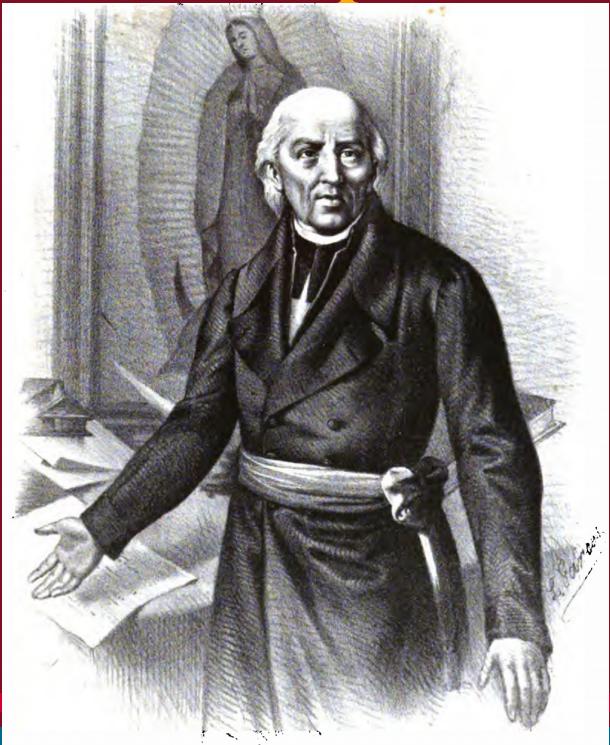
Kirkwood?

Who's this!? Another author dude with his own perspective!? WHAT!?

- “Mexico’s independence from Spain [...] was not revolutionary” (75).

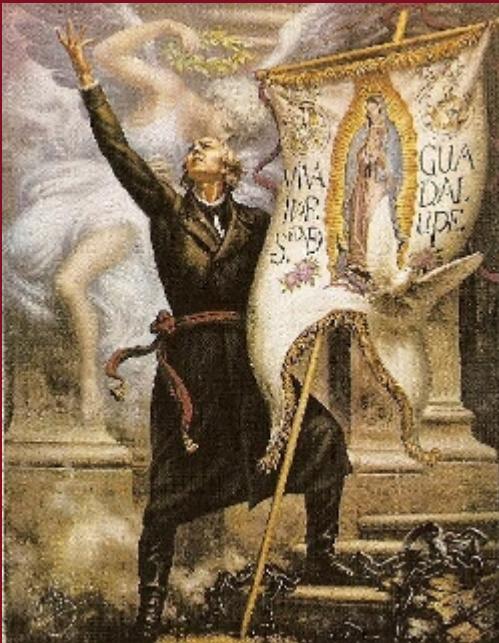
“The process reflected the conservative interests of the landed elite and their response to European events rather than specific actions in Mexico” (75).

Very Important Figures of the Independence



Padre Don Miguel Hidalgo

Our Lady of
Guadalupe



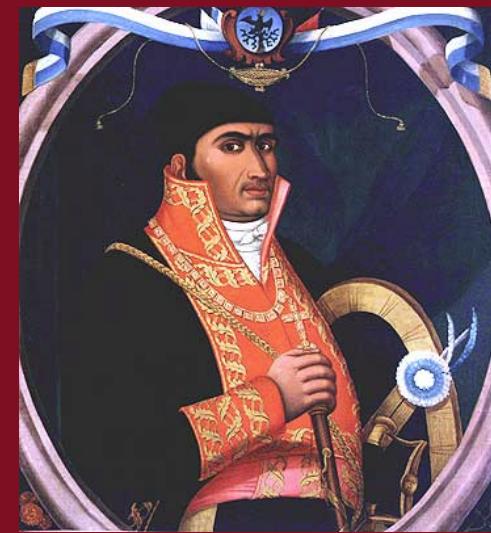
- Creole, Catholic priest
- Sympathized with Natives, according to Keen
- Middle class family, educated man
- Made the Grito de Dolores, 1810
- Bring King Ferdinand back!



Sep 16, 1810: Grito de Dolores: "My children: a new dispensation comes to us today. Will you receive it? Will you free yourselves? Will you recover the lands stolen three hundred years ago from your forefather by the hated Spaniards? We must act at once... Will you not defend your religion and your rights as true patriots? Long live our Lady of Guadalupe! Death to bad government! Death to the gachupines [settlers from Spain]!"

José María Morelos y Pavon

- Mestizo priest, succeeded Hidalgo post-mortem
- Established Congress and organized more independence
 - *Declaration of Rights and Independence*
 - Abolished slavery, classes now equal
- Captured escorting Congress, executed December 1815



That's no priest... it's a dictator!

The Declaration of Rights and Independence

Acta de independencia del Imperio Mexicano, pronunciada por la Junta Superiora Congregada en la Capital de éste el 28 de diciembre de 1821.

La Patria Mexicana que, por treinta años, ni ha tenido voluntad propia, ni libre el día de hoy de la opresión que ha vivido.

Los heroes ejercicios de sus hijos han sido corrompidos, y está consumado la impiedad, eternamente memorable; que un genio, superior a toda admiración y celo, amor y gloria de su Patria, principia en Guadalupe, prospere y libre al cielo, arrancando gloriosos y casi inmortales.

Resistida, pues, esta parte del Imperio al ejercicio de cuantos derechos le concedió el Titular de la corona, y reconociendo por instrumentos y garrotes las naciones cultas de la tierra en libertad de constituirse, del modo que más convenga a su felicidad, y con representantes que pudieren manifestar su voluntad y sus deseos, comienza á hacer uso de tan preciado derecho, y declara solemnemente, por medio de la Junta Superiora del Imperio, que la Patria Superiora, e independiente de la antigua España, con quien, en lo sucesivo, no mantendrá otra unión que la de una amistad sincera, en los términos que preservaren los tratados: que cada uno reciba sus amistades con las demás potencias extranjeras; que responda de ellas, cuantos actos pueden y están en su posesión, des- cexcuar las más racionales observancias que sea a constituir, con arreglo a las órdenes que en el Plan de Guadalupe se trazó de Condición condicione. Sabemos que ya a constituido, el Primer Acto del Ejercicio Imperial de los Virreinatos y que han puesto en marcha, el de Méjico, y con la conciencia de los padres y todos de sus individuos, (y hace necesario) esta soberanía declaracion, hecha en la capital del Imperio a veinte y ocho de diciembre del año de mil ochocientos veinte y uno, primera de la Independencia de Méjico.

Manuscrito original de la Acta de Independencia del Imperio Mexicano, firmada por los miembros de la Junta Superiora.



What the Creoles were thinking...

...what the Creoles did.

ABOLISHED:

- Slavery
- Imprisonment for debt
- Collection of tithes for more property

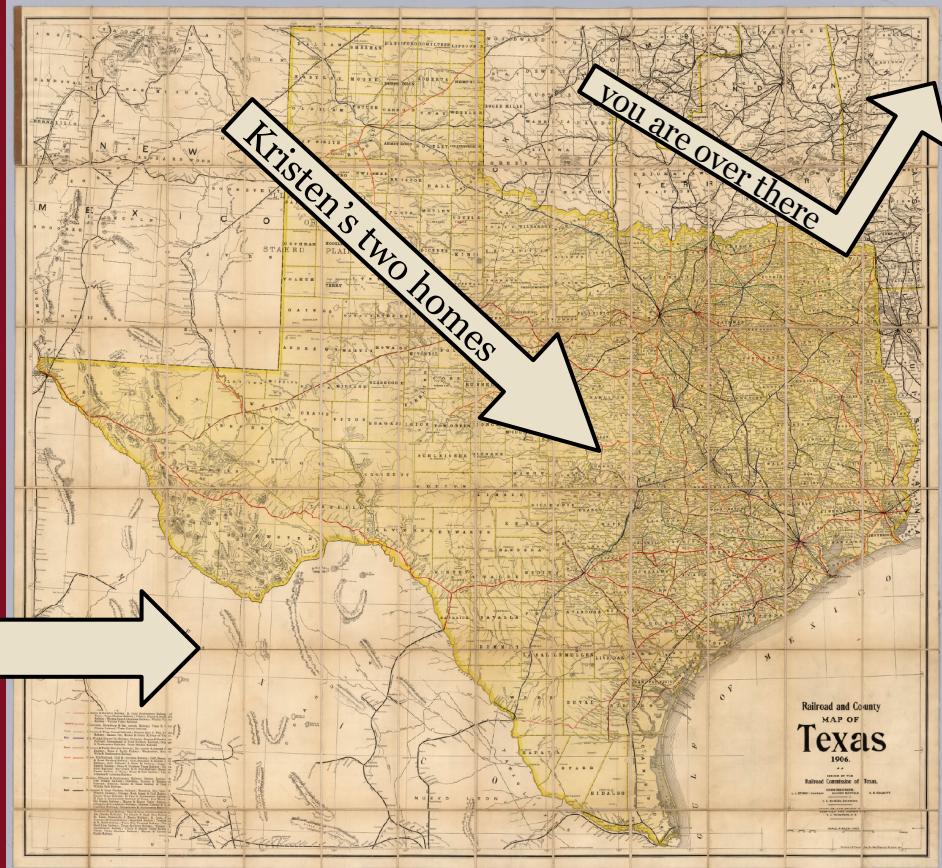
CREATED:

- Executive Council (Poder Ejecutivo)
- Constitutional monarchy

Results

- Money!? Not really
- Terrible administration near Texas
- Still fighting politically

bad government



Government Established Post-Revolution



A Sneak Peek at the Future: Manuel de Mier y Terán

- Creole, military guy, took over post-Morelos
- Dissolved Congress because of corruption
 - Caused leadership to go to pieces
 - The Empire of Mexico was born!



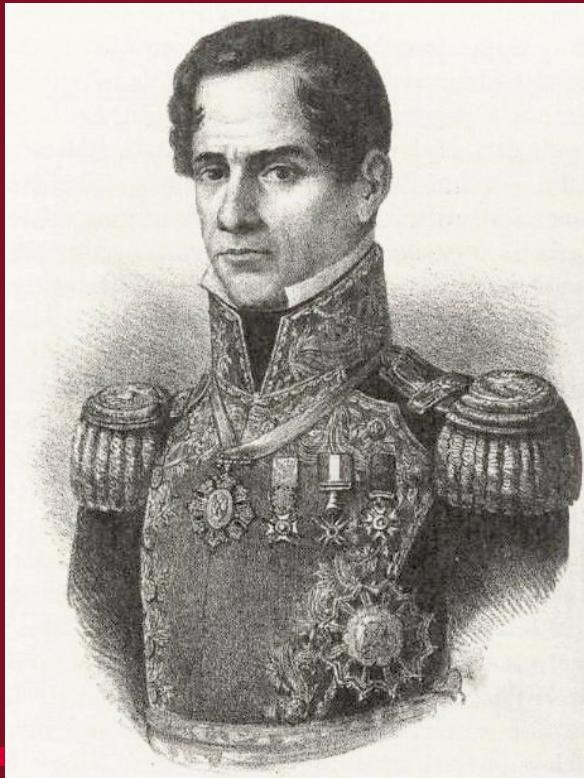
Empire of Mexico was

Antonio López de Santa Anna



“I’m gonna need that
guy’s leg.”

Santa Anna =
the leg guy



Works Cited

- Acta Independencia Mexico 1821.* Digital image. Wikipedia. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Antonio Lopez De Santa Anna.* Digital image. Wikipedia. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Burns, E. Bradford. *Latin America A Concise Interpretive History*. 6th ed. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1972. Print.
- Churros. Digital image. *Paella Casa*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Civil Rights Act.* Digital image. *Longwarf*. Longwarf.org, n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Keen, Benjamin, Keith Haynes. *A History of Latin America*. Vol. 1. 9th ed. Boston: Cengage Learning, 2013. Print.
- Kirkwood, Burton. *The History of Mexico*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2000. Print.
- Les Miserables Barricade.* Digital image. *Wolf Like the Animal*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- LGBT Marriage 2013, Paris.* Digital image. Rt.com, n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Lord of the Rings Gif. Digital image. *L-o-t-r.tumblr.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Manuel de Mier y Terán. Digital image. *Texas A&M University*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Map of Texas. Digital image. *David Rumsey Historical Map Collection*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- "Meme Generator." *Meme Generator*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Mexican Independence Leaders. Digital image. *Bajan Reporter*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Mexico. Digital image. *Europa Gratis*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.

Works Cited

- Meyer, Michael C., Susan M. Deeds, and William L. Sherman. *The Course of Mexican History*. New York: Oxford UP, 2011. Print.
- Miguel Hidalgo. Digital image. *Texas A&M University*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Miguel Hidalgo. Digital image. *Wikipedia*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Miguel Hidalgo With Cloth Banner. Digital image. *Aquatic Sports Adventures*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Morelos. Digital image. *Wikipedia*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Mural Diego Rivera. Digital image. *Disciple Mexico*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Mural Museo De La Independencia, Dolores Hidalgo. Digital image. *Flickr*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- "Our Lady of Guadalupe - About - Catholic Online." *Our Lady of Guadalupe - About - Catholic Online*. N.p., n.d. Web. 10 Nov. 2014.
- Pope Francis. Digital image. *Courageous Priest*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Rocket Raccoon. Digital image. *Geeky Rant*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Santa Anna. Digital image. *Rincondelvago.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Steve Rogers Being Patriotic. Digital image. *Amazon.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- "Texas A&M University, College Station, TX." *Texas A&M University, College Station, TX*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- Topography of Mexico. Digital image. *Mexico Maps*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.
- White American Male Painted as American Flag Eating a Hamburger. Digital image. *Paperblog.com*, n.d. Web. 12 Nov. 2014.