

Under the Texas Sun

From Laredo to Port Arthur

Based on the events in *El Sol de Texas* written by Conrado Espinoza

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This historical novel is often considered as the first chronicle of Mexican immigration in the United States and thus provides valuable insight into the various experiences of Mexican migrants in the early 1920s.

This map aims to provide a visual depiction of the journey of the two Mexican immigrant families that the story follows: the Garcias and the Quijanos.

Their journey through Southern Texas is depicted in two ways.

Major destinations and places they passed are plotted on the map of southern Texas on the right while the timeline on the bottom depicts where the families were at what point in the story.

The beginning of the novel is highlighted by the families' optimism for the future but as the story progresses, they are met with discrimination and hardship. Ultimately, some of our characters return home while others persist on in the face of adversity.



"The truck drove on. It was passed up from time to time by other more powerful vehicles and left weaker ones behind.

And churning, churning, it ate up the highway like all the rest, carrying that cargo of daydreamers, of innocents, drunken by their illusions and entrusted to their fatalism of pie-in-the-sky visions and grim realities."

