

# MEXICO HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT - STUDY GUIDE

## IDENTIFICATIONS

- Identifications are a short paragraph that explains *what a term is* and *why it is significant* to the topic of study.
- Identifications test both your content knowledge and your critical thinking.
- In an identification, you will first explain everything you know about the topic. Then, you will explain why the term is significant in relation to SPICE elements. *Example: Hernan Cortes was a Spanish Conquistador who conquered the Aztec Empire in 1521. He became the governor of New Spain after winning the territory for the Spanish crown. Cortes was politically significant because he established Mexico as a colony of Spain. He is also economically significant because he started Mexico down the path of economic inequality through the labor systems the Conquistadors established. Overall, Cortes set the scene for racial and cultural integration that shaped modern Mexico.*

The following Identifications could be on the test -- only 5 of these Identifications will be on the test and you choose 3 of the 5 to write about:

- El Grito de Dolores
- Import Substitution Industrialization (ISI)
- La Casta
- Hacienda System
- Constitution of 1857
- La Reforma
- NAFTA
- El Plan de Iguala

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

This skill ask you to identify key causes and effects of major historical events.

You want try to discuss at least two causes and two effects of each event, all linked to the SPICE elements of China.

Two of the following events will be on the test -- you will pick one of the two to write about:

- Spain's Conquest of Mexico
- Mexican Independence
- Mexican Revolution
- Mexico's Signing NAFTA

## CHANGE AND CONTINUITY

In this skill you are evaluating historical change over time. You are going to be asked to evaluate themes in Mexican History (think SPICE elements) that have changed and remained the same from Mexican Independence to modern day Mexico. Make sure you explain 1) what Mexico looked like before and then 2) what it looks like now.

Find answers for the following:

- Two ways Modern Mexico is different from pre or post Mexican Independence and two SPICE elements related to each
- Two ways Modern Mexico has remained the same from pre or post Mexican Independence and two SPICE elements related to each