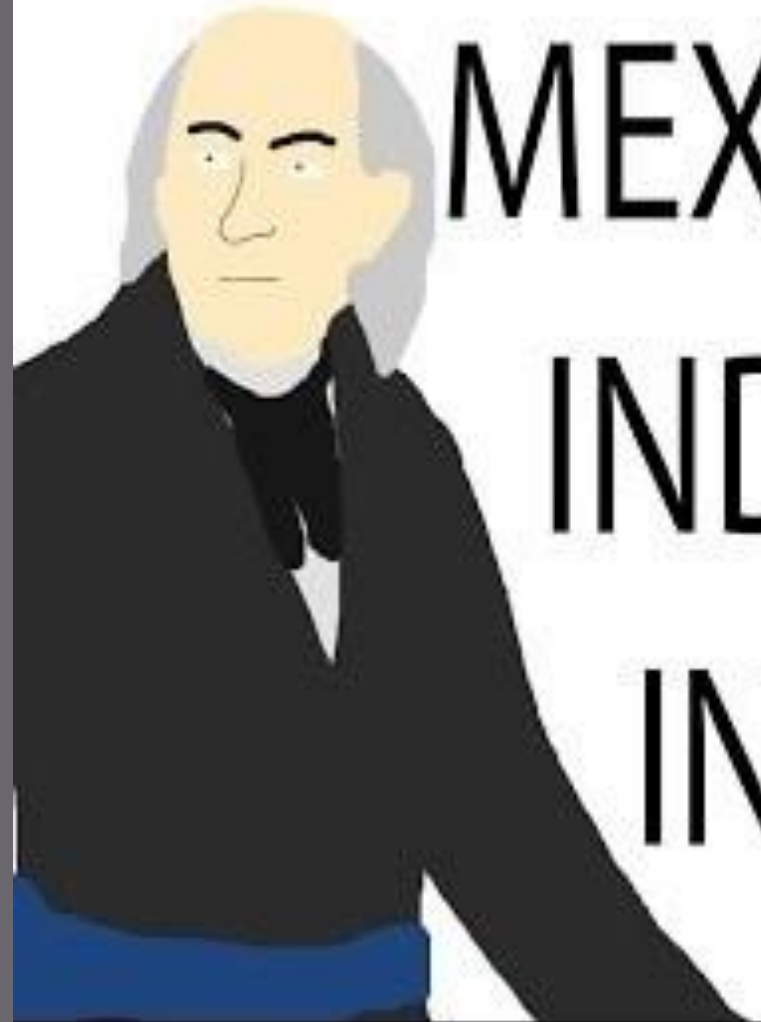


Warm Up:



# MEXICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE IN 3 MINUTES

# THE ROAD TO MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE

# U.S. Influence around the World

- ▣ In 1789 the United States of America elects its first President and ratifies a document that will change the world.



# Others Inspired

- ▣ People all over the world are inspired by what has taken place in the U.S. and start to question and rebel against their governments.



French  
Revolution



Rebellion in Haiti



Mexican  
Independence  
Movement 1821

# Spain Losing Its Grip

- ▣ Spain has been in decline for years
- ▣ Spain's control on its colonies is not tight
- ▣ Napoleon's armies are occupying Spain at this time
- ▣ King Ferdinand VII is in exile



# Spain Revolts

- ▣ Spanish citizens unite and throw out Napoleon's armies in 1812
- ▣ King Ferdinand is restored but people want a different system of government
- ▣ King Ferdinand accepted the Spanish Constitution of 1812
- ▣ Soon after taking power King Ferdinand gets rid of the Constitution
- ▣ Citizens revolted King Ferdinand had to accept the Spanish Constitution of 1812



# Spanish Caste System

Most Power

Least People

Peninsular- Spaniards born in Europe living in the Spanish colonies in America; upper class, more \$\$\$, better land, best jobs/titles & laws worked for them

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Criollos- pure Spanish-born in American Colonies, upper mid-class however they are not chosen over Peninsular since they were not born in Europe-Spain

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Mestizos- mixed Spanish and Native; if you marry a mestizo or Native you lose Rank born

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Native  
Americans/Indians  
Lowest Class

What  
conclusion  
can be drawn  
from this  
Chart on the  
Spanish  
Colonies in  
the Americas?

Least Power

Most people

# New Spain Ripe For Change

- ▣ Ruling class in New Spain (Mexico) not happy with changes in Spain (Spanish Constitution)
- ▣ They wanted to keep the old system
- ▣ The ruling class are considered **Conservatives**



# Conservative

- ▣ Wants to limit change and keep the old established ways

(During The Mexican Independence Era)



# Key Figures

## AGUSTIN ITURBIDE

- ▣ Leader of the Conservatives
- ▣ Fought against Father Hidalgo
- ▣ Had a change of heart and asked Father Hidalgo's army to join his army after Hidalgo was executed to seek Independence
- ▣ Really wants to rule Mexico for himself if possible



# Key Figures

## VICENTE GUERRERO

- ▣ Rebel leader
- ▣ Took over what was left of Father Hidalgo's Army
- ▣ Decided to join Iturbide



# Rebels and Conservatives Unite

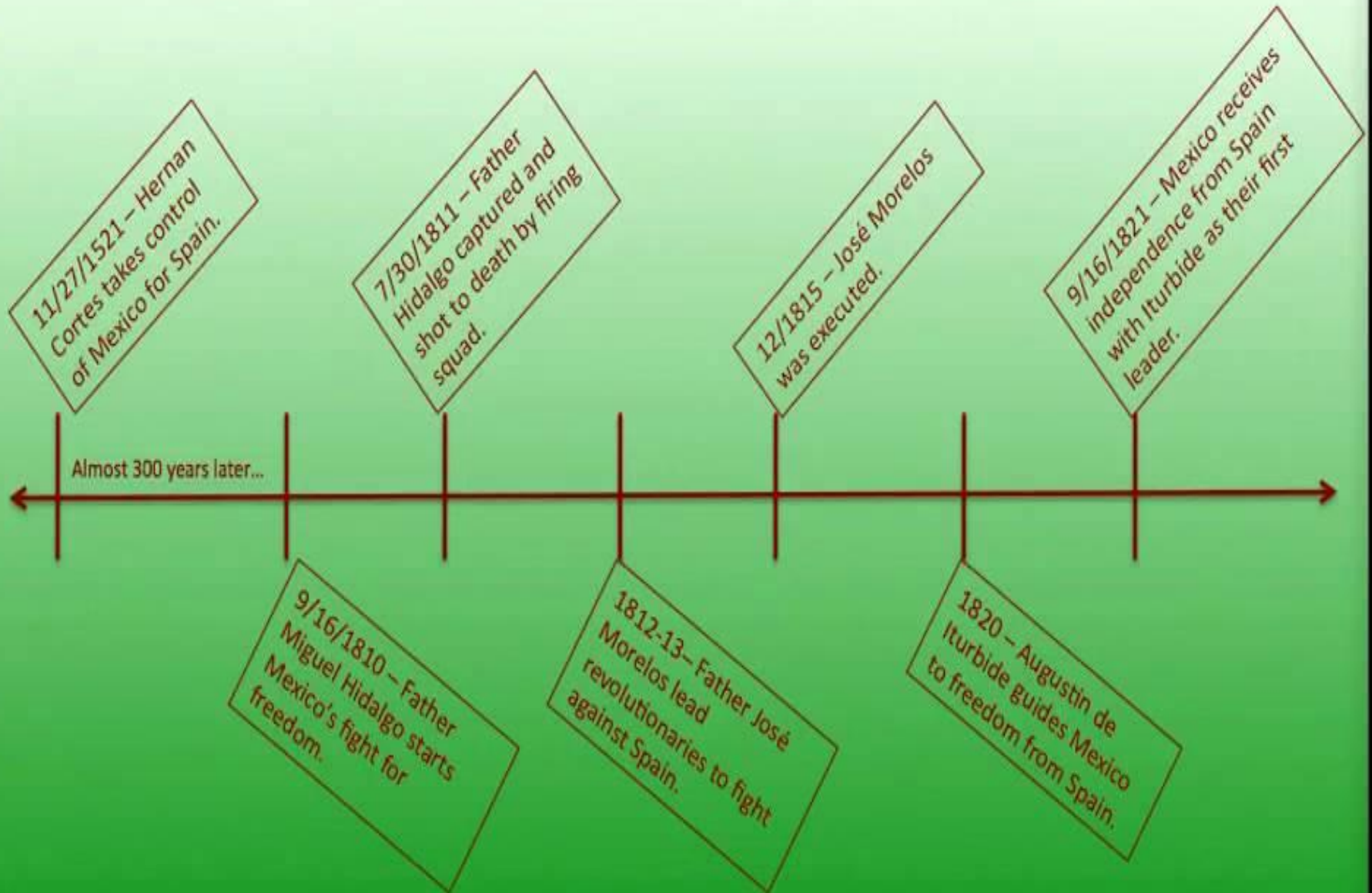
- ▣ Iturbide and Guerrero unite and defeat the Spanish
- ▣ Mexico is now independent of Spain
- ▣ Both men come up with a plan to rule Mexico
- ▣ Plan of Iguala is born



# Plan of Iguala

- ▣ Article 1. Mexico is Independent from Spain and any other nation on the Continent
- ▣ Article 2. Official Religion is Catholicism
- ▣ Article 3. Native born Mexicans and Europeans would all be equal regardless of status
- ▣ Article 4. The government shall be a constitutional monarchy

# Events in Mexico's Path to Freedom





# Miguel Hidalgo & The Cry of Dolores

- ▣ Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla (Key Figure), a priest from Dolores, issued the “Grito de Dolores” - a document saying that all people in New Spain should be treated equally
- ▣ The members of the lower class came together to revolt (army of 90,000) and capture parts of New Spain
- ▣ Middle class Spaniards defeated the lower class and Hidalgo was killed (executed by Spain)
- ▣ Despite his failed efforts, word spread of Hidalgo's attempt to revolt and more revolts occurred.