

Martín de León:  
Tejano Empresario

Activity Book and Teacher Guide

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# CHAPTER 1

## KWL CHART

**Before you read:**

**Before you read:**

**After you read:**

What do you <u>KNOW</u> ?	What do you <u>WANT</u> to know?	What did you <u>LEARN</u> ?
About the word empresario?	About the word empresario?	About the word empresario?
The de León family's support of Texas?	The de León family's support of Texas?	The de León family's support of Texas?
About Texas being under the control of Spain?	About Texas being under the control of Spain?	About Texas being under the control of Spain?
The de León family's support of Texas?	The de León family's support of Texas?	The de León family's support of Texas?

# CHAPTER 1

## Matching

Draw lines matching the term to the correct definition.

1. Tejas

A. Mexican Province Present-day Tamaulipas

2. Empresario

B. Anglo resident of Tejas used until the 1850's

3. Anglo

C. Spanish word for "Texas"

D. White settlers

4. Tejano

E. Term for a Texas resident of Spanish descent

5. Nuevo Santander

F. Petitioned for grants of large tracts of land then acted as contractors to bring settlers to live on the land

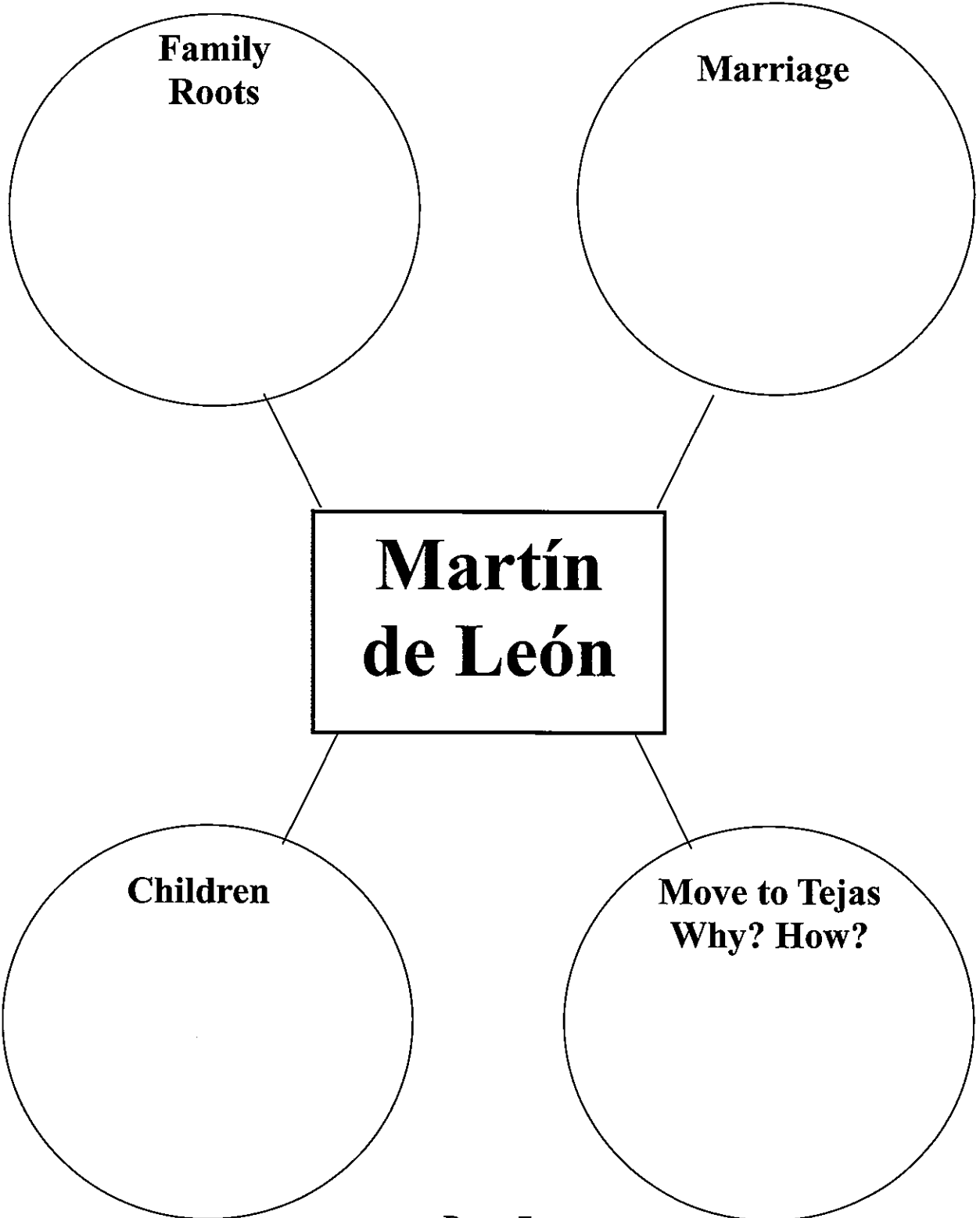
6. Texian

## Chapter 1 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) Who controlled Texas in the 1820's?
- 2) Why was there only a small number of people living in Texas?
- 3) How did empresarios make money?
- 4) Who are two well known Anglo empresarios?
- 5) De León was the only Mexican empresario to do what?
- 6) What father/ son pair helped settle Texas?

# CHAPTER 2

## CHARACTER WEB



## Chapters 1 and 2 Vocabulary Match-up Memory Game

Have the children divide into groups and cut out each square on the dotted line. Shuffle the squares, then lay them out in rows and columns. The first player draws two cards. If the player believes the cards match, the player must look up where the word is defined or talked about in the book. If there is a match, the player reads the segment aloud and gets to keep the matched definitions. If not, the pieces are laid back down, shuffled, and it is the next player's turn. When all of the squares have been matched, the player who received the most matches wins!

Viceroy	Representative of the King of Spain in Mexico
Burgos	Spanish city, known for its architecture and cathedrals
Filibuster	Soldier or adventurer who engaged in military action in a foreign country for personal gain
Casa Grande	Big house

Patrona of the ranch	Supervises the other women of the ranch.
Empresarios	Men who petition for grants of large tracts of land and then acted as land agents
Tejano	A Tejas resident of Spanish decent.
Texian	The term for an Anglo resident of Tejas

## Chapter 2 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) What type of family did Martín de León come from?
- 2) What is a “jacal”?
- 3) What were Martín’s father’s hopes for Martín?
- 4) What is a “mayordomo”?
- 5) How did Martín serve in the military in 1790?
- 6) How did Mexican born citizens compare to those born in Spain?
- 7) Describe a casa grande.
- 8) What types of work did Patricia do at the casa grande?
- 9) Why was Martín not allowed to buy his land?
- 10) Why did Martín move his family?

## Chapters 1 and 2 Quiz

### TRUE / FALSE

1. A cholera epidemic came west from New Orleans and swept through Tejas.
2. In the 1820's, the land known to us as Texas was under the control of France.
3. Martín was the only Mexican empresario to settle a colony in Texas.
4. After the fall of the Alamo, Martín was very popular with the people of Texas .
5. Martín came from a poor family and wanted more for his family.
6. Martín wanted to go into business and started off as a muleteer.

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

7. Martín's parents lived in the Spanish city of Burgos, known for its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Flowers
  - B) Music
  - C) Architecture
  - D) Food
8. Martín joined the army to help fight against the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) French
  - B) Indians
  - C) King
  - D) Texans
9. As a person born in Mexico, Martín was considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A) Second class citizen
  - B) Slave
  - C) Royalty
  - D) Traitor
10. What was the purpose of Martín's first visit to Tejas?
  - A) To pay taxes on his land
  - B) To find a filibuster named Philip Nolan
  - C) To receive the dowry given to his wife
  - D) To find a buyer for his land
11. Why does Martín move his family?
  - A) Safety from the uprisings
  - B) Cheap land
  - C) Noisy neighbors
  - D) The rocky soil could not be farmed

# CHAPTER 3

## WORD SEARCH

H	B	U	Y	T	N	O	S	T	A
C	A	T	H	O	L	I	C	L	U
Z	Y	E	Y	T	Y	O	M	H	S
X	T	P	A	G	A	D	C	Y	T
N	H	I	D	A	L	G	O	V	I
B	T	R	D	R	D	F	S	A	N
V	R	A	J	Z	A	N	T	X	J
F	E	T	H	A	S	W	I	T	T
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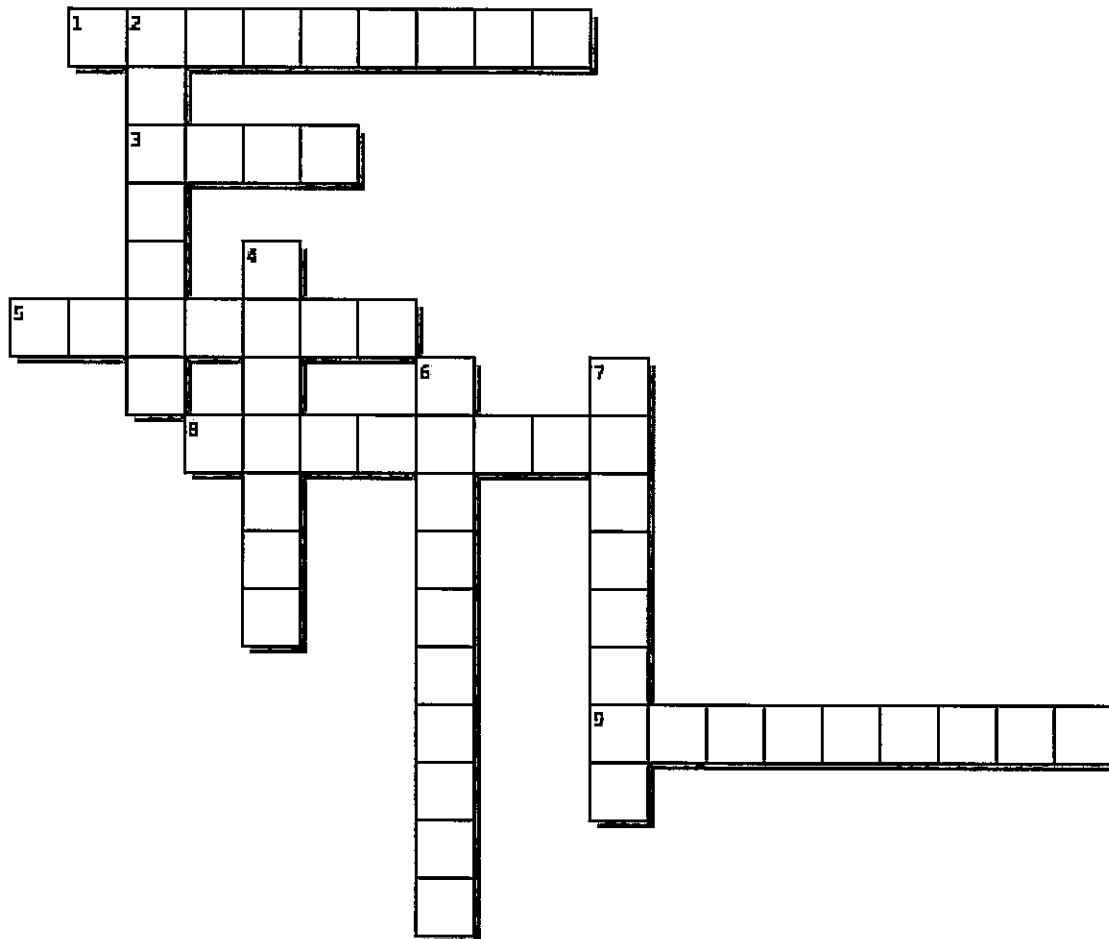
**Costilla**  
**Hidalgo**  
**Austin**  
**Pirate**  
**Garza**  
**Don**  
**Catholic**  
**Witt**

## Chapter 3 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) How did Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla stir up riots in Dolores?
- 2) What was the unexpected result of the riots?
- 3) How did it affect the people living in Tejas?
- 4) What type of belief did Martín have about the government?
- 5) After Mexico won its independence, how did Martín make money?
- 6) What did Martín promise Ramon La Fou in return for the use of his ship?
- 7) Why did Martín seek permission to act as an empresario?
- 8) Where did Martín get the money to settle on the Guadalupe?

# CHAPTER 4

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**Across**

1. Bringing goods into an area illegally
3. Covered victims of cholera to avoid spread of the disease.
5. An outbreak of \_\_\_\_\_ kept Martín from building his cathedral in Victoria
8. Don \_\_\_\_\_ took over Martín's duties when he dies.
9. Fernando and Carbajal chartered the Anna \_\_\_\_\_ to take them back to Texas.

**Down**

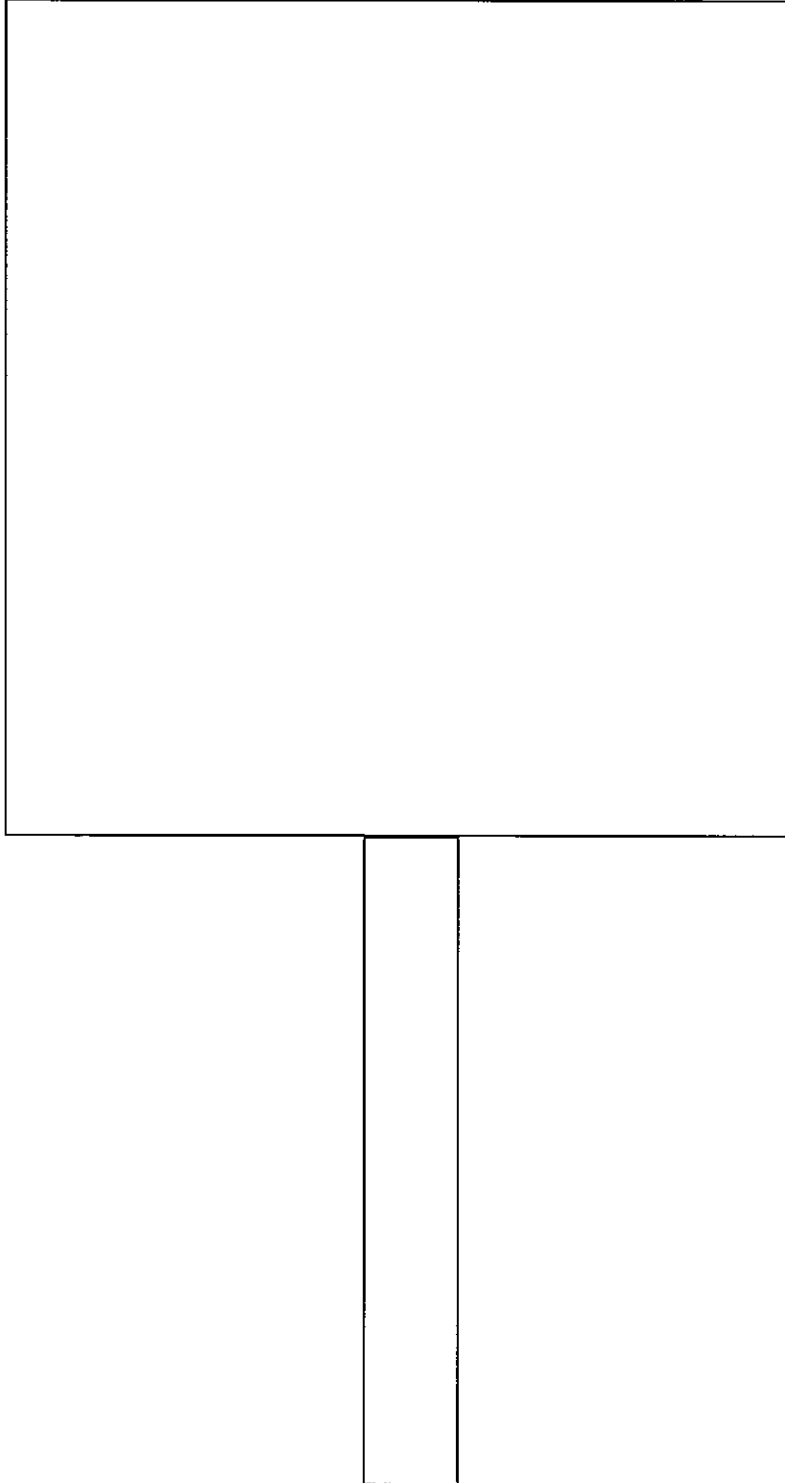
2. By the early 1830's, the de Leon's colony was worth a \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.
4. Martín's age when he dies.
6. Battle at which Texas won its independence from Mexico.
7. First battle of the Texas Revolution was fought here.

## Chapter 4 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) What was Don Martín's inspiration for Victoria?
- 2) How did the spread of cholera affect this dream?
- 3) How did Martín protect his family?
- 4) How did Texans feel about the Mexican laws being passed?
- 5) What was Stephen F. Austin suggesting that the settlers do in the early 1820's? Why did he suggest this?
- 6) What types of business did Don Fernando deal in?
- 7) What is the significance of the main street in Victoria being called "Calle de Los Diez Amigos?"
- 8) Why was Don Fernando's ranch called Escondido Ranch?
- 9) How did Don Fernando and Jose M.J. Carbajal help the Texas army?
- 10) Did Don Fernando and Don Silvestre stay in prison?

Historical Marker

The de Leon family was honored with a Texas State Marker. Think of a sacrifice or an accomplishment of your own and make a State marker for yourself. Include your full name, date and details of the sacrifice or accomplishment.



## Chapter 5 Post-reading Discussion Questions

- 1) After the Battle of San Jacinto, how did Texans feel about Mexicans?
- 2) Who was Agapito?
- 3) How did Agapito die and why was that important?
- 4) How did General Rusk protect Texas against another attack by Mexico?
- 5) Describe the feelings that the Texans must have had that led up to the arrest of Don Fernando.
- 6) Where did Dona Patricia go when she was unwelcome in both Texas and Mexico?
- 7) What did the de León family leave when they fled Texas?
- 8) Why was the family's land taken away?
- 9) In what ways has the de León family been recognized?

# Review

## Timeline / Events

Directions: Given the list of events below, locate and fill in the dates of the events. Rewrite the following events in sequential order. Example: In 1795, Martín marries Patricia de la Garza.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Events</u>
_____	<b>Historical Markers are placed at the Evergreen Cemetery to honor the de Leóns.</b>
_____	<b>Martín is given permission to settle 41 families in his colony.</b>
_____	<b>Father Hidalgo leads the “Cry of Dolores” uprisings.</b>
_____	<b>Martín joins the regiment Fieles de Bugos to fight against the Indians.</b>
_____	<b>Martín’s first trip to Tejas.</b>

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOOK TEST**

TRUE / FALSE

1. In honor of the de León's work for Texas, a granite marker was erected at the grave of Don Martín and his family members.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. A cholera epidemic came west and swept through Tejas.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. In the 1820's, the land known to us as Texas was under the control of France.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Dona Patricia played an important role in the development of Victoria and Texas.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. At one time, de León was the only Mexican empresario to settle a colony in Texas.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. After the fall of the Alamo, de León was very popular with the people of Texas.  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. De León came from a poor family and wanted more for his family.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. De León wanted to go into business and started off as a muleteer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. The de León family had no where to go when Texans were angry and fearful of Mexicans, and Mexico was against the Mexicans who had fought for Texas' independence.  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Write your own TRUE statement about Martín de León or his family.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

11. Which word is the Spanish term for Texas (the land)?
- A) Jacal
  - B) Texian
  - C) Tejas
  - D) Tejano
12. Martín's first trip to Texas was to look for a filibuster . A filibuster is a \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Entertainer for the governor
  - B) Gun salesman
  - C) Soldier who works for personal gain
  - D) Banker who loans out money
13. Martín's sons smuggled in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Drugs
  - B) Arms and ammunition
  - C) Atomic bombs
  - D) Whiskey
14. Where did the de León family get the money to establish their colony on the Guadalupe?
- A) He took it from Philip Nolen, a filibuster that was hiding in Tejas.
  - B) Patricia had made money working as a tutor for Spanish royalty.
  - C) He made the money in the mule trading business from Steven F. Austin .
  - D) The money was part of Patricia's inheritance.
15. Dona Patricia found all of the following changes to the town of Victoria upon her return in 1844 EXCEPT:
- A) No Mission Indians were selling fruit and vegetables in the square.
  - B) Street signs were different.
  - C) A large college was build on the land her family owned.
  - D) Much of her possessions had been scattered among the new comers.

## Essays

Pick two of the following essay questions. Answer the question or write to the prompt using details from the text.

- 1) Describe Dona Patricia and her role in establishing Victoria and her role within her family.
- 2) Describe Martín's different careers.
- 3) How must the de León family have felt when they returned, no one recognized their efforts, and no one in Texas liked the people from Mexico?

# Answer Key

## pg. 5 Matching

1. C pg 9, 12, 65
2. F pg 9, 10, 63
3. D pg 10, 63
4. E pg 13, 65
5. A pg 12
6. B pg 65

## Crossword Puzzle pg 14

### Across

1. Smuggling pg 48
3. Lime pg 46
5. Cholera pg 41
8. Fernando pg 45
9. Elizabeth pg 47

### Down

2. Million pg 41
4. Seventy pg 41
6. San Jacinto pg 48
7. Gonzales pg 47

## Match-up Memory Game pg 8, 9

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Viceroy pg 15     | Patrona of the ranch pg 23 |
| Burgos pg 16      | Empresarios pg 9           |
| Filibuster pg 21  | Tejano pg 13               |
| Case Grande pg 22 | Texian pg 13               |

## Timeline pg. 18

1. Martin joins the regiment Fieles de Bugos to fight against the Indians in 1790. pg 18
2. Martin takes his first trip to Tejas in 1801. pg 21
3. In 1810, Father Hidalgo leads the "Cry of Delores" uprisings. pg 25
4. In 1824, Martin is given permission to settle 41 families in his colony. pg 29, 30
5. In 1972, historical markers are placed at Evergreen Cemetery to honor the de Leons. pg 59

## Chapters 1 and 2 Quiz pg. 11

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|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. T pg 12 | 5. F pg 15 | 9. A pg 20  |
| 2. F pg 9  | 6. T pg 16 | 10. B pg 21 |
| 3. T pg 10 | 7. C pg 16 | 11. A pg 24 |
| 4. F pg 13 | 8. B pg 18 |             |

## Word Search pg 12

H	B	U	Y	T	N	O	S	T	A
G	A	T	H	O	L	I	C	L	J
Z	Y	E	Y	T	Y	O	M	H	S
X	T	P	A	G	A	D	C	Y	T
N	H	T	D	A	L	G	O	V	I
B	T	R	D	R	D	F	S	A	N
V	R	A	J	Z	A	N	T	X	J
F	E	T	H	A	S	W	T	T	T
H	W	E	G	F	J	B	L	V	A
U	Q	R	F	D	F	V	L	W	S
I	D	O	N	S	V	C	A	F	C

## Book Test pages 19, 20

1. T page 58
  2. T page 12
  3. F page 9
  4. T page 57
  5. T page 10
  6. F page 13
  7. F page 15
  8. T page 16
  9. T pages 51-54
  10. Grade student work
  11. C page 9, 12 and sidebar
  12. C page 21
  13. B page 47
  14. D page 30
  15. C pages 56, 57
- ESSAYS

## Answer Key: Discussion Questions

### Chapter 1 Discussion pg 6

1. Spain pg 9
2. Spain considered it a wild land because it was too far away from the civilized cities of New Spain (Mexico) pg 9
3. Through a commission, usually land that they could sell, received when a settler bought land from Mexico pg 10
4. Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin, Sterling Robertson, Green DeWitt, Samuel May Williams, James Power, James Hewetson, John McMullen, James McGloin, Arthur G. Wavell pg 10
5. To settle a colony in Texas pg 10
6. Moses and Stephen F. Austin pg 10, 12

### Chapter 2 Discussion pg 10

1. Wealthy Spanish nobles pg 15
2. A house or fence made of then sticks driven into the ground and plastered over with mud. pg 16
3. That he would continue his education in Europe. pg 16
4. Head muleteer. pg 16
5. Fighting Indians that were attacking settlers. pg 18
6. They were considered as second class citizens. pg 20
7. Big House. pg 22
8. She supervised other women in preparing the food for the main house. pg 23
9. Because he was not loyal to Spain and supported those who fought to rid Mexico of Spain. pg 23
10. Because his petition to buy his land was rejected. pg 23, 24

### Chapter 3 Discussion pg 13

1. He ordered the arrest of all Spaniards in the area and then issued a cry for Mexicans to rise up against the Spanish. pg 25
2. Spanish troops were withdrawn from presidios in Tejas to control the uprisings in Mexico. pg 25
3. Lipan Apache and Comanche Indians began to steal from them, and some were massacred. pg 25, 26
4. That it should be run by citizens. pg 26
5. By selling his livestock in markets in New Orleans. pg 26
6. To help get him a pardon from the Mexican government for his actions as a pirate. pg 28
7. Because he feared Stephen F. Austin was filling available land with Anglos. pg 29
8. From Patricia's inheritance. pg 30

### Chapter 4 Discussion pg 15

1. The cathedrals in Burgos Spain, the home of his ancestors. pg 41
2. He was ready to bring in the engineers and architects when it hit, and after sending his family to the ranch he became the first in the colony to die. pg 41
3. He sent them to the ranch and left them a fortune when he died. pg 41
4. They resented them. pg 42
5. That Tejas should be a separate state from Coahuila. He suggested this because the settlers didn't want to pay taxes. pg 42, 43
6. He was a respected cattleman and businessman, supervising in the construction of many buildings in Guadalupe Victoria and helping to lay out the city with its public squares, church squares, and market squares. pg 45
7. It means "Street of Ten Friends" honoring the ten "friends" that were the early leaders of the colony. pg 45, 46
8. Escondido means hidden, and during the days of the Indian raids many colonists hid there. pg 46
9. They used the money they got from selling their livestock to buy guns and supplies for the colonists and the Texas army. pg 47
10. They managed to escape from prison and return to Texas. pg 47

### Chapter 5 Discussion pg 17

1. Many Texans resented all Mexicans. pg 51
2. The youngest son of Don Martin and Dona Patricia. pg 51
3. He was shot and killed while trying to stop a group from stealing the family's cattle. pg 51, 52
4. By seizing Tejano property and ordering Tejanos to leave. pg 52
5. Growing anger of Anglos against Mexicans, even those that had fought for their cause. pg 52, 54
6. New Orleans. pg 54
7. Land, furniture, money, horses, mules, cattle, and personal property worth several million dollars. pg 54, 55
8. For being behind on paying their property taxes. pg 55
9. By having a gray granite marker marking Martin de Leon's final resting place and other family members were honored with Texas state historical markers. pg 58, 59