# REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS SPREAD TO LATIN



#### **AMERICA**

#### Agenda:

- 1. Latin American Revolutions Notes
- 2. CrashCourse

#### Stamped:

- Haitian Revolution Reading Homework
- 2. Egalite for All Video Notes

#### Caudillos vs. Founding Fathers

- View the images of the founding fathers of the US.
  - Revolutionary leaders of America
- Compare them to the Caudillos
  - Revolutionary leaders of Latin America.
- What different attributes would you use to describe them?





#### Revolutionary Fever Spreads

- By late 1700s, Revolutionary ideas had reached Latin America
- Discontent in Latin America over:
  - Social, racial, and political system that had emerged during Spanish Rule

#### Spanish Caste System

• People across Latin America were organized into a caste system, by Spanish law. This caste system was based on race. Those at the top lived very well. Those at the bottom lived very harsh lives.

#### Latin American social classes

- Peninsulares men born in Spain
  - held highest offices
- Creoles Spaniards born in Latin America
  - officers in army, but not in government
  - often resented power of the peninsulares
- Mestizos mixed European and Native
- Mulattos mixed European and African
- Natives
- Slaves

#### Peninsulares







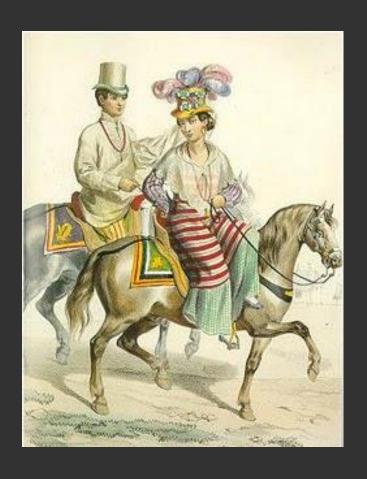
### Creoles

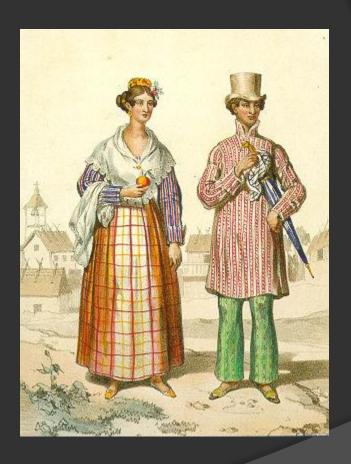






### Mestizos







#### **Native Americans**





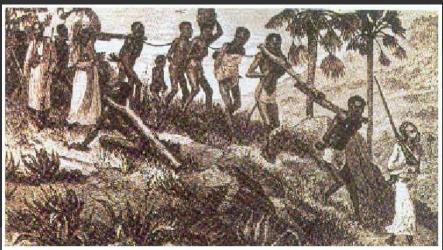


#### Slavery

- Caribbean and South America Regions:
  - Masses of enslaved Africans
  - Result of the Triangle Trade system which began in the late 1500s.
- Worked on plantations
- Longed for freedom

#### Slaves





#### Enlightenment Ideas Spread

- 1700s: Educated Creoles read the works of Enlightenment Thinkers
- Watched colonists in America revolt against British Rule
- Translations of U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution were available

#### Enlightenment Ideas Spread

- Young Creoles traveled to Europe during French Revolution
  - Inspired by "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity"

Creoles were reluctant to act

#### Napoleon Invades Spain

- Spark that ignited widespread call for revolution in Latin America.
- Napoleon invades Spain in 1808.
  - Ousted Spanish King
- Latin American leaders saw Spain's weakness
- Took opportunity to reject their dominance and rule.
  - Declare independence from colonial rule!

#### Mexico

- Natives and mestizos, not creoles, played the key role in independence movements.
- Creoles sided with Spain to avoid violence of lower-class rebellions (until 1820).

## Miguel Hidalgo

- A village priest, believed in Enlightenment ideals.
  - Mestizo
- 1810, called for revolution.
  - Grito de Dolores (call for revolution)
- Hidalgo's native and mestizo followers marched to Mexico City.
- Spanish army and creoles acted against Hidalgo and defeated him in 1811.



#### Jose Maria Morelos

- Mestizo priest
- Took leadership after Hidalgo's defeat.
- Declared independence in 1813.
- Defeated by creoles in 1815.



#### Mexican Independence, 1821

- 1820 revolution in Spain put a liberal government in power.
- Mexican creoles feared loss of influence, so they united against Spain.
- Agustin Iturbide declared himself emperor, but was overthrown.
- 1824: Establishment of the Mexican Republic.



#### Simon Bolivar

- Wealthy Venezuelan creole.
- "The Liberator"
- 1811-1828





## Venezuelan Independence, 1821

- Venezuela declared independence, 1811.
- Bolivar's armies unsuccessful at first.
- 1819: Bolivar marched armies over Andes into today's Colombia, defeated Spanish army.
- 1821: Venezuelan independence.
- Marched north to Ecuador to meet Jose de San Martin.



Jose de San Martin

- Simple, modest man.
- Born in
   Argentina,
   spent time in
   Spain as
   military officer.
- Years active: 1816-1822



## Argentinean Independence

- Argentina declared independence in 1816.
- San Martin led army across
   Andes to Chile, joined by
   Bernardo O'Higgins, and freed
   Chile.
- Ecuador, 1822: San Martin met with Bolivar to decide how to remove remaining Spanish forces in Lima, Peru.

- San Martin sailed for Europe and died on French soil in 1850.
- Dec 9, 1824, Bolivar defeated
   Spanish at Battle of Ayacucho.

## Venezuela Guyana French Guiana Colombia Ecuador Brazil Martin-Peru Bolivia Paraguay Chile Uruguay Argentina

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#### Bolivar



- Bolivar's vision of a united South America.
- Present-day Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Panama.
- Short-lived due to dissension amongst various factions.
  - No civil war, just disagreements.
  - Geography really divided the countries
- Bolivar resigned in 1828.
- In 1830, Bolivar's Gran Colombia divided into Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.
- Panama later split from Colombia with US assistance, 1903.

## Latin American Independence Movements, 18th & 19th C.

#### CAUSES

- Spain sets up colonies in the Americas
- Creoles and mestizos grow discontented with Spanish rule
- Enlightenment ideas spread to the Americas
- Revolutions occur in North America and France
- Spain's power weakens
- Spain tries to restore authority in colonies
- Strong leaders call for independence

Wars of Independence in Latin America

#### **EFFECTS**

- Many deaths occur
- Nations of Latin America win independence
- New nations write constitutions
- · Civil wars break out
- Caudillos take power
- New nations become economically dependent

## CrashCourse – Latin America Revolutions

• Complete the Worksheet as we watch!