

Vocabulary Chapter 5: La Casa Blanca

1. amenable
2. connotation
3. environs
4. ignoble
5. inculcate
6. intrinsically
7. presidio
8. tacit
9. travois
10. vaquero

Questions Chapter 5

La Casa Blanca

1. What was the reward the Canary Islanders were given for coming to Tejas?
2. Who was the Frenchman who provoked the Spanish to settle Texas? What was his goal?
3. How long did the friars predict their mission work would take?
4. Which of the Spanish missions was the most successful?
5. List two problems the friars had at San Antonio de Valero.
6. Which tribe requested their own mission at San Saba?
7. What was a Spanish “cowboy” called?
8. Which racial group in New Spain was lowest on the social ladder?
9. Along which two rivers did most of Austin’s colonists settle?
10. Calculate how much the smallest farm (177 acres) would cost in Austin’s colony at the rate of 12 1/2 cents per acre (\$0.125). Compare this to the going price in the U.S. of \$100 for eighty acres.
11. Whose daughter did Jim Bowie marry?
12. Who was the representative from Tejas who helped to write the Mexican Constitution of 1824?
13. Describe the problem regarding the new constitution.

Discussion/Essay Questions
Chapter 5 La Casa Blanca

1. Describe the problem that the Canary Islanders had when they came to Texas.
2. What was the purpose of the Spanish missions in Texas. Did they succeed?
3. Why did the Apaches ask for their own mission?
4. Describe how ranch life on the frontier changed the feudal relationship between the Spaniard and the Indian.
5. Describe the various forces that operated in early Mexican politics. What was the most essential difference between American and Mexican politics?

Test Chapter 5 La Casa Blanca

Name _____

Matching

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| _____ 1. amenable | A. implied |
| _____ 2. environs | B. dishonorable, base |
| _____ 3. ignoble | C. responsive |
| _____ 4. inculcate | D. a social class |
| _____ 5. tacit | E. surrounding area |
| | F. to teach or instill |

Multiple Choice

- _____ 1. Which of these was NOT a problem of the friars at San Antonio de Valero?
- A. violence and depredations by the Coahuiltecan
 - B. troublesome, “no-good” soldiers
 - C. Apache raids
 - D. lazy, nonresponsive Indian “converts”
- _____ 2. Most of Austin’s colonists settled around the
- A. Guadalupe and Colorado rivers
 - B. Gulf coast
 - C. Colorado and Brazos rivers
 - D. Brazos and Nueces rivers
- _____ 3. The most successful Spanish mission in Texas was the
- A. San Antonio de Valero
 - B. San Francisco de los Tejas
 - C. San Luis de las Amarillas
 - D. Refugio

_____4. Which of these men helped write the Mexican Constitution of 1824?

- A. Jim Bowie
- B. Erasmo Seguin
- C. Juan Seguin
- D. Juan Veramendi

_____5. American settlers were attracted by Austin's land grant because

- A. they were looking for a place to practice their Catholic faith
- B. the land in Austin's colony was much better than anything in the U.S.
- C. they secretly wanted to invade and take over Texas for the U.S.
- D. public land in the U.S. was much more expensive and required cash

Essay

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