

Lesson 1: The Spanish Move North

Vocabulary

hacienda a large ranch with houses, gardens, workshops, and mills

presidio a Spanish army fort

El Camino Real a road built by Spanish settlers that connected New Mexico and Mexico City

Pueblo Revolt attacks by the Pueblo people on Spanish settlers in New Mexico

Fighting for Florida

The Spanish wanted Florida to be part of their colony, New Spain. They hoped that a Spanish settlement in Florida would keep the French or English out of Florida. In 1565 the Spanish attacked the French in Florida. Spain won the battle. Florida became part of New Spain. Then the Spanish set up the colony of St. Augustine in Florida. It was the first permanent European colony in what is now the United States.

New Mexico

The Spanish began to settle in the Southwest. In 1598 the Spanish entered an area they called New Mexico. The Pueblo, Apache, and Navajo peoples had been living on this land. The Spanish were looking for gold and silver in New Mexico. They did not find much. The area was too hot and dry for farming. However, the grasslands were good for ranching. The Spanish set up **haciendas**, or large ranches, to raise sheep and cattle. The Spanish also set up missions in the area. They wanted the Native Americans to become Christians. They built **presidios**, or forts, to protect their missions. They also built a road to connect New Mexico to Mexico City. It was called **El Camino Real**.


The Pueblo Revolt

The Pueblo peoples in New Mexico were angry with the Spanish. The Spanish took over Pueblo land. They forced the Pueblo to become slaves. They also tried to force the Pueblo to give up their traditional ways of life. In 1680 the Pueblo attacked the Spanish. These attacks were called the **Pueblo Revolt**. The Pueblo forced the Spanish to leave New Mexico.

The Spanish Return

The Spanish took over New Mexico again in 1692. They also moved into what is now Texas and Arizona. The Spanish founded the town of San Antonio, Texas, in 1718. The Spanish wanted to keep control over the Southwest. The colony of New Spain grew in the 1700s.

Lesson 1: Review

1.  **Compare and Contrast** Complete the chart by comparing Spanish attempts to begin colonies in different regions of North America.

Florida

New Mexico

2. Why did the Spanish want to build a colony in Florida?

3. **Critical Thinking: Make Inferences** Did the geography of New Mexico influence the economic activities of Spanish settlers in this region? Explain.

4. Explain the purpose of missions in New Spain.

5. Describe three causes of the Pueblo Revolt.
