

Spain Builds Texas

Trace the places, dates, reasons, and people behind early Spanish communities.

4.2.C “explain when, where, and why the Spanish established settlements and Catholic missions in Texas as well as important individuals;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each date, circle each place name, and number the reasons Spain established a mission or settlement. Your marks will help you explain when, where, and why Spain acted.

Spain's Texas Communities

- ① In 1680, the Pueblo Revolt forced Spanish settlers to leave New Mexico. Some traveled south to the El Paso area, beside the Rio Grande. In 1682, Franciscan friars founded Corpus Christi de la Ysleta there, the first mission in what is now Texas. Spain wanted to serve Catholic families and Native people, while keeping a Spanish community on its northern frontier.
- ② Spain also worried about France's plans in North America. In 1689, Alonso de León led an expedition into East Texas. He found that French explorer La Salle's colony had failed, but Spain still feared French claims from Louisiana. In 1690, Father Damián Massanet helped establish Mission San Francisco de los Tejas near the Hasinai people. Spain hoped the mission would bring Native people to Catholicism and strengthen Spain's claim to East Texas.
- ③ In 1716, Spain reopened missions in East Texas as French settlement in Louisiana grew. Two years later, Governor Martín de Alarcón founded San Antonio near the San Antonio River and its springs. Mission San Antonio de Valero served Native people, and nearby soldiers guarded the area. Spain chose this place for water and travel routes, and to build a stronger Spanish presence in Texas.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did the Pueblo Revolt lead to the founding of Corpus Christi de la Ysleta?

2 Why did Spain establish Mission San Francisco de los Tejas in East Texas in 1690?

3 Why was San Antonio a useful place for a Spanish settlement and mission?

4 Who founded San Antonio, and when did he found it?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences that compare two Spanish locations from the passage. Include when each was established, where it was, one important person, and why Spain chose the locations.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each date, circle each place name, and number the reasons Spain established a mission or settlement. Your marks will help you explain when, where, and why Spain acted. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did the Pueblo Revolt lead to the founding of Corpus Christi de la Ysleta?	The Pueblo Revolt forced Spanish settlers to leave New Mexico. Some traveled to the El Paso area, where Franciscan friars founded the mission in 1682.
2	Why did Spain establish Mission San Francisco de los Tejas in East Texas in 1690?	Spain wanted to bring Native people to Catholicism and strengthen Spain's claim to East Texas because it feared French claims from Louisiana.
3	Why was San Antonio a useful place for a Spanish settlement and mission?	It was near the San Antonio River and springs, which provided water and travel routes. Spain also wanted a stronger presence there.
4	Who founded San Antonio, and when did he found it?	Governor Martín de Alarcón founded San Antonio in 1718.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In 1690, Father Damián Massanet helped establish Mission San Francisco de los Tejas in East Texas near the Hasinai people. Spain wanted the mission to bring Native people to Catholicism and to support Spain's claim to the area. In 1718, Governor Martín de Alarcón founded San Antonio near the river and springs because water, travel routes, and protection made it a strong Spanish location.

Accept clear explanations that connect dates, locations, people, and Spanish goals. For the open response, accept any accurate comparison using details from the passage.