

WHY A CONSTITUTION?

Mexico won its **independence** from Spain in **1821**, but they were still experiencing troubles.



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The Mexican economy was **suffering**



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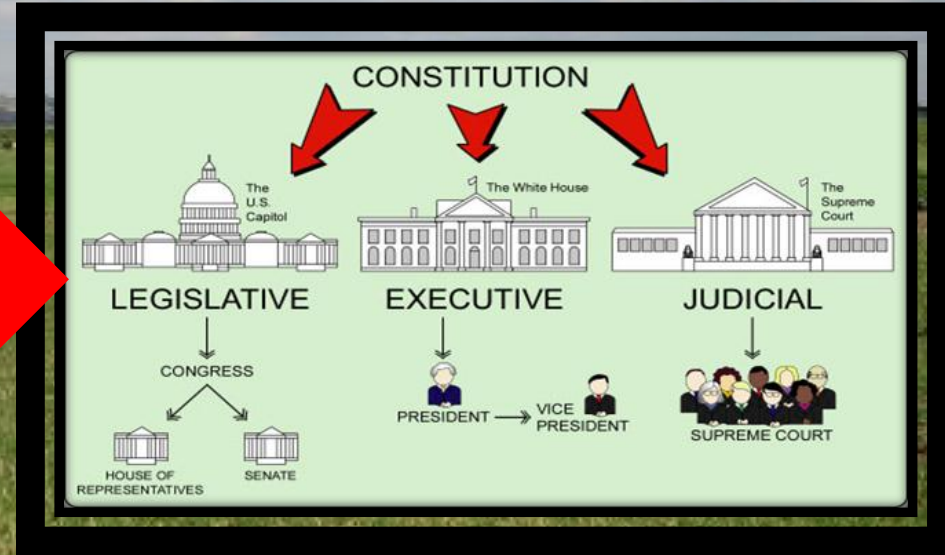
Having Emporer Iturbdide as their **leader**.



Dictatorship

WHAT IS A CONSTITUTION?

A document tells about the laws, and organization of a government



CONSTITUTION OF 1824

-It created a new state:
Coahuila y Texas

-It gave states power to
govern their own people
including writing their own
laws.

-It established an official
religion: Catholicism.



TEXAS IN 1824

EARLY TEXAS POPULATION CENTERS

NACOGDOCHES

Region: Piney Woods

Industry: farming

Other information: Near border of Spanish territory with France which became the U.S. (after 1803)

Population
1783: 349*
1834: 3,500



* including 14 slaves

GOLIAD / LA BAHIA

Region: Gulf Coast Plain

Industry: farming,
some ranching

Population
1783: 668**
1806: 1,400
1834: 700



** including 1 slave

SAN ANTONIO

Region: South Texas Plains/
Blackland Prairie

Industry: ranching, some farming

Other information:
Seat of colonial government in Texas

Population
1783: 1,802***
1806: 5,000
1834: 2,400



*** including 21 slaves

Analyze Information How were the experiences of Texan settlers who became ranchers and farmers similar? How were they different?

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN'S COLONY



Analyze Maps How did the location of Austin's first colony contribute to its success?

SETTLERS TO TEXAS



Analyze Maps What geographic factors help explain why most of the Old Three Hundred came from the southern United States?