Section 16-1: The Spanish Southwest

Fill in the blanks:

1. ______________________________ were Spanish Americans that settled and lived in California.

2. Many of today’s modern cities on the west coast of the United States started originally as Spanish ______________________________, or religious settlements.

3. ______________________________ were Spanish Americans that settled and lived in Texas.

4. In 1810, a Mexican priest named ______________________________ launched a failed revolution for Mexican independence from Spain.

5. In 1821, Spanish army officer ______________________________ led a successful revolution for Mexican independence from Spain.

Thoroughly answer the following questions:

6. a) What Native American tribes greatly influenced the Spanish in areas such as New Mexico?  b) What kinds of things did the Spanish learn from these natives?

   a) 

   b) 

7. a) Why was the mission system less successful in Texas than California?  b) What industry grew around Spanish settlers in Texas?

   a) 

   b) 

8. a) Who were the two most important leaders of the Mexican independence movement?  b) What two major ethnic groups most wanted independence and why?

   a) 

   b) 

9. a) Which modern US states were initially included in the newly independent Mexico?

   a) 

Section 16-2: Texas Gains Independence

Fill in the blanks:

10. Land agents called ______________________________ were hired by the Mexican government to bring settlers to Texas.
11. ______________________________ was the first of these agents.

12. After the above person’s death, ______________________________ took over as the primary land agent in Texas.

13. The first American families to settle in Texas were called the ______________________________.

14. The saying commonly associated with American migration to Texas was ________________________________.

15. In 1834, ______________________________ was elected as President of Mexico but declared himself emperor soon after.

16. The above dictator suspended the democratic ________________________________, a decision that greatly angered the Texans.

17. The first battle of the Texas Revolution occurred at ______________________________, Texas, a dispute over a small cannon.

18. At this battle, the Texans had a flag that declared ________________________________ in reference to this cannon.

19. Colonel ________________________________ drove Mexican soldiers from San Antonio and took control of an old mission there, using it as a fortress.

20. The above mission was known as the ________________________________.

21. ________________________________ was a former Congressman from Tennessee and a volunteer in the Texan army.

22. ________________________________ was the overall general-in-chief of the Texan forces in the Texas Revolution.

23. After surrendering at the ________________________________, over 400 Texans were taken prisoner and executed as traitors.

24. Delegates met at a town called ________________________________ to declare independence and write a national Constitution.

25. The Texan Army fled west from Santa Anna in a panicked retreat called the ________________________________.

26. The Texans decisively defeated Santa Anna at the ________________________________, winning Texas’ independence.

Thoroughly answer the following questions:

27. a) Who were some of the important empresarios that brought settlers to Texas? b) What did these empresarios receive as payment for their services?

   a)

   b)
28. a) What could settlers expect to receive upon moving to Texas? b) What were three major requirements for all Americans settling in Mexico?

b)

29. a) Did American settlers follow the rules set forth for them by Mexico? Why or why not? b) What actions by the Mexican government concerned the settlers of Texas?

a)

b)

30. a-d) What were four ways in which the Mexican government responded the Texans’ actions?

a)

b)

c)

d)

31. a) Where did the Texas Revolution begin (the first battle)? b) What, specifically, led to hostilities between Mexican and Texan soldiers? c) This episode was reminiscent of what battle from the American Revolution?

a)

b)

c)

32. a) In what ways did the disastrous defeat at the Alamo actually help the Texans’ cause? b) What other “battle” turned massacre would inspire Texans to fight even harder?

a)

b)

33. a) How did the Texans manage to defeat the Mexican army at San Jacinto? b) What was the outcome of the battle?

a)

b)

Section 16-3: The Lone Star Republic

Fill in the blanks:

34. After the Texas Revolution, Texas leaders asked the United States to ____________________ Texas as a new state.

35. President ____________________ refused this proposal, worrying that such a move might lead to war with Mexico.
36. After being rejected for statehood in the United States, Texas became an independent country called the ____________________________.

37. Many settlers were attracted to Texas because of the potential of growing ____________________________ in the new republic.

38. Texas was also seen as friendly to the institution of ____________________________ and passed many laws to expand the practice within its borders.

**Thoroughly answer the following questions:**

39. a) Why did Andrew Jackson *not* want to annex Texas into the United States in 1837?
   a)

40. a) What was the Republic of Texas’ policy towards various Native American tribes such as the Comanche and Apache? b) What other cultural group suffered in the early days of the Republic, and how?
   a)
   b)

41. a) How did the government of the Republic of Texas attract new settlers to the country? b) Where did the majority of these settlers come from? c) The legality of what, in particular, led them to come to Texas?
   a)
   b)
   c)

42. a) What kinds of laws regulating both slaves and free African Americans were passed in Texas?
   a)

43. a) What was the largest group of European immigrants to come to Texas? b) Where did they mostly settle, and in what professions?
   a)
   b)

44. a) What were some of the major issues faced by the Republic of Texas in its short existence?
   a)
Section 16-4: Oregon and the Far West

Fill in the blanks:

45. Men who primarily made their living trapping furs in the rugged frontier of the West were often referred to as ____________________________.

46. These men would often sell their fur and pelts at an annual or semi-annual gathering called the ____________________________.

47. ____________________________ was a wealthy entrepreneur who established the American Fur Company.

48. The above person founded ____________________________, the first permanent American outpost on the Pacific coast.

49. Many Americans travelled west to reach the hospitable climate and soil of the ____________________________ in the Pacific Northwest.

50. Some of the first settlers in this region were ____________________________, intending to bring their religious beliefs to the Native Americans of the West.

51. Husband and wife ____________________________ were massacred by natives who believed that they brought an epidemic of disease that killed many of the Cayuse people.

Thoroughly answer the following questions:

52. a) Describe the typical “mountain man”. b) What economic conditions ultimately led to the end of the mountain men?
   a)

   b)

53. a) List the various reasons why people moved west. b) What were some of the dangers people faced?
   a)

   b)

54. a) Describe the Oregon Trail and the typical journey of a family moving west.
   a)

Section 16-5: California and the Southwest

Fill in the blanks:

55. American settlers travelling to Oregon would often follow the ____________________________.

56. These settlers would travel in wagons called ____________________________.
57. These vehicles were nicknamed _______________________, comparing them to sailing ships at sea.

58. Settlers would travel in large groups called _______________________, providing the settlers with protection and support.

59. Settlers travelling to California would follow the _______________________, which led them through the Rockies and Sierra Nevada Mountains.

60. The _______________________ was a famous group of travelers that became lost in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and reportedly resorted to cannibalism to survive.

61. Many immigrants to California headed to _______________________, where gold was reportedly discovered.

62. The above location was founded by Swiss immigrant _______________________.

63. Artist _________________________ painted scenes of the American West, which fascinated Americans still living in the East.

**Thoroughly answer the following questions:**

64. a) Describe the experiences of the Donner Party.
   a)

65. a) What were some of the other trails leading west?  b) Why were these important?
   a)
   b)

66. a) Name an artist that depicted life in the West.  b) What kinds of subject matter would artists like this depict in their paintings and sculptures?  c) What made these works of art popular back East?
   a)
   b)
   c)