

SPANISH INFLUENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES (part 1)

Materials:

Map of the United States

The Alamo, Mapping Texas History, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, 2001.

Colored pencils.

(World Cultures and Geography Handout 26, United States Acquisitions from Mexico 1848) from Center for Learning, Wm. C. Brown Company Publishers, 1987, adaptation.

United States atlas

MAP WORK.

1. Color blue the states that were part of Mexico. (CA, NV, UT, AZ, southern CO, NM, TX) before the Texas annexation of 1845 and the Mexican Acquisition of 1848.
2. Color yellow the states and territories that were once part of New Spain (modern Mexico) FL and Puerto Rico.
3. New Spain (land that was explored or settled by Mexico included the following states. (AL, AR, GA, KS, KY, LA, MS, NB, NC, OK, OR, SC, TN, WA). Color these green.

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ATLAS EXPLORATION (part 2)

Use your current atlas to find places with Spanish names. These could be physical features, (like Sierra Madre Mountains) or political features (like the city of San Antonio). Complete a list and mark them on your map.

PHYSICAL FEATURES

POLITICAL FEATURES

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CLASS DISCUSSION (part 3)

How much influence has Spanish culture had on the United States as evidenced in geographic names and places?

What are some other ways Spanish/Mexican cultures influence us today.

Give some examples.

