

Questions about the Aguayo Expedition Diary (Answers)

Check Your Understanding

1. What were some of the hardships faced by the members of the Aguayo expedition?

fire that burned the food, horses and mules died, rainstorms caused stampedes and delayed work, illness

2. What improvements did he make to the San Antonio presidio?

adobe buildings, irrigation ditch

3. What did the writer give as some of the reasons he was sure the Indians would come live in the missions?

they were happy with the gifts from the Spaniards, they would be happier growing crops, their lives outside the mission were miserable, they only had fish to eat and no clothes

4. What were some of the jobs done by mission Indians?

cutting lumber, making bricks, raising crops, digging a ditch, building the presidio

5. Did the writer think that the expedition was a success?

yes

6. What does the writer mean by this sentence? "All the kingdoms of New Spain are now protected by this buffer which has been added in this vast Province."

Texas provided land between all of the more populated parts of New Spain and the areas claimed by France.

7. What did the writer think Spain would accomplish in the future?

It would rule the whole world and convert everyone to Christianity.

Questions for discussion

1. Why do you think the friar wrote this document? Who did he intend to read it?

2. How did the writer feel about each of the following?

a. the Indians

b. the soldiers

c. Aguayo

d. the King of Spain

3. Why did Aguayo put European clothes on the Indian, Juan Rodriguez and give him a Spanish name?