

Check Your Understanding

1. What were some of the hardships faced by the members of the Aguayo expedition?
2. What improvements did he make to the San Antonio presidio?
3. What did the writer give as some of the reasons he was sure the Indians would come live in the missions?
4. What were some of the jobs done by mission Indians?
5. Did the writer think that the expedition was a success?
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."
7. What did the writer think Spain would accomplish in the future?

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 do you think Aguayo put European clothes on the Indian, Juan Rodriguez, and give him a Spanish name?