



# **MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE**



1810 - 1821

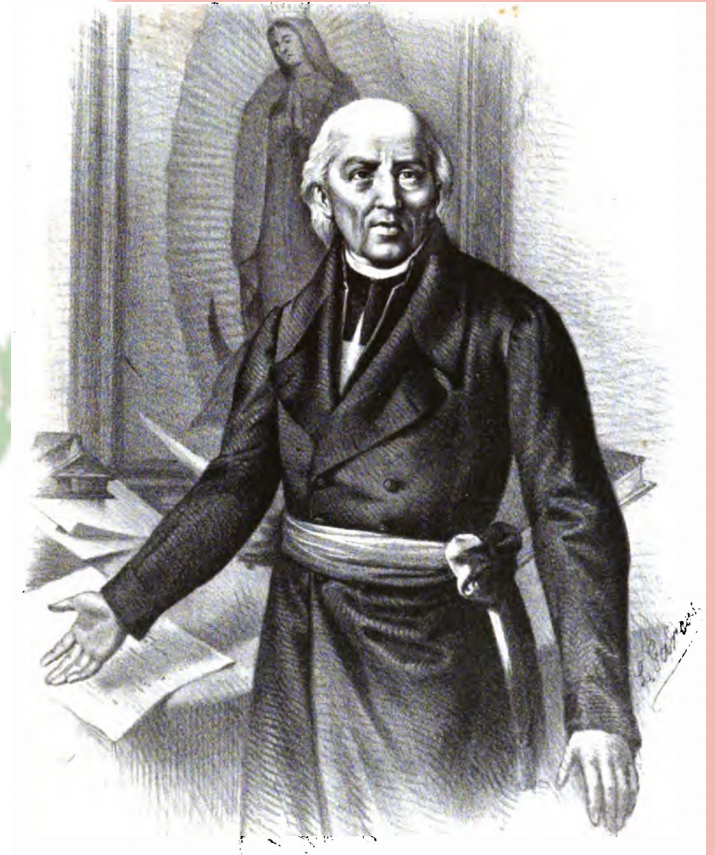
# Before Independence...

- Society was divided
- At the top:
  - Peninsulares: Born in Spain living in Mexico; had most advantages
  - Creoles: Spanish born in Mexico; jealous of Peninsulares' privileges
- At the bottom:
  - Mestizos, Indians: poor, abused by those in power



# Miguel Hidalgo: Father of Mexico

- Respected priest in Querétaro
- Member of the Creoles
- Saw Spanish king as a tyrant (had absolute power)
- Revolution was necessary b/c of how the poor were treated
- Formed a small army with military commander Ignacio Allende



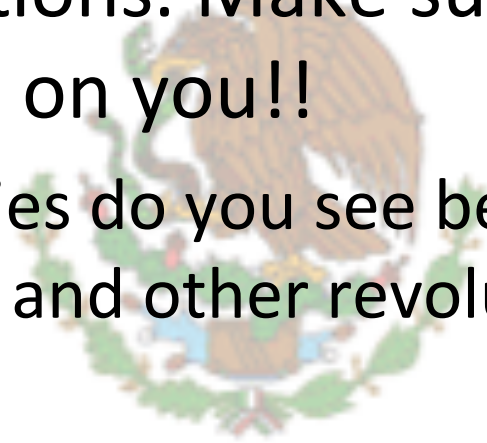
# Grito de Dolores!

- September 16, 1810
- Hidalgo called on the people to fight for independence
  - Formed mob of 600 men armed with sticks and rocks
- Marched to San Miguel → killed every Spaniard found
- Retreated at Mexico City → Hidalgo, Allende captured and beheaded (1811)



# Making Connections

- Turn to a shoulder partner and discuss the following questions. Make sure you're ready to share if I call on you!!
  - What similarities do you see between the Mexican Independence and other revolutions we've discussed?
  - What differences do you see?



# The Fight Goes On

- Next 10 years = guerrilla warfare against a tough Spanish military
- 1820: Colonel Agustín de Iturbide takes over fight
  - Wanted Creoles to gain control in Mex.
  - Didn't care about lower class equality/rights
- Joined forces with other revolutionaries → Spain gave up in Aug. 1821



# Lasting Impact

- Iturbide became Emperor of the Mexican Empire
- Gov. disagreed about Mex's future
  - republic or monarchy?
- Weaknesses led to 100 years of military coups and dictatorships
- Then, 1910 → Mexican Revolution!

