Causes of Mexican Revolution

- Mexico was a colony of Spain called “New Spain”
- The lower classes suffered from high food prices, racial discrimination, and slavery
- When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, lower classes revolted
- Revolt was unsuccessful because creoles did not support it (feared losing their power)
Miguel Hidalgo

- The “Father of Mexican Independence”
- Creole that sympathized with the lower classes
- On September 16, 1810, Hidalgo called for the lower classes to rebel again in a speech called “el Grito de Dolores”
Miguel Hidalgo

• On July 31st, 1811 was executed for committing treason but revolution continued
Mexico Gains Independence

• By 1821, Creoles supported the revolution because they wanted “liberty” and “equality” (Enlightenment ideas!)
Central American Countries Gain Independence

- 1823 = Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua also claimed their independence from Spain
Latin American Revolutions Map Activity