



*“recover from the hated Spaniards the land stolen from your forefathers... Long live America, and death to the bad government!”*

## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY THE CRY OF DOLORES

- Miguel Hidalgo, a priest in Dolores, Mexico began the fight for Mexico’s freedom in 1810.
- On September 16, 1810, Hidalgo rang the church bells and shouted ...
- This cry came to be known as the “Cry of Dolores.”
- Mexicans celebrate their independence day on September 16<sup>th</sup> every year.

# BEFORE THE INDEPENDENCE

- Year colonized 1520
- Spain is the colonial leader
- Spain brought
  - advanced technologies
  - new religion
  - Non-native disease
  - plants and animals
- Enslaved natives
- took almost all silver and gold from mines





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AND  
MEXICO  
BEFORE  
WAR**

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# MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

SEPTEMBER 16



## WHY IS MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY IMPORTANT?

- In **Mexico**, in the early morning of 16 September 1810, the Roman Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang the bell of his church and shout (call to arms) to rally people
- That day started the **Mexican War of Independence** from Spain which lasted for 11 years.
- The Spain granted Mexico independence on September 27, 1821.



WHERE DID THE  
MEXICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE  
START?



## WHO IS MIGUEL HIDALGO Y COSTILLA?

- A priest and leader of the Mexican War of Independence
- He rang the church bell and rallied tens of thousands of people to rise up and fight.
- He was captured and killed in 1811.



## WHO IS JOSE MARIA MORELOS?

- Also a Roman Catholic priest, he became a revolutionary fighter.
- He took the role of leader of Hidalgo after his death
- He was himself captured by the Spanish and executed in 1815.



# WHO IS JOSEFA ORTIZ DE DOMINGUEZ?

- Joined to fight against the Spain Government
- Helped oppressed poor and Indians of Mexico
- Became a leading figure of the independence movement

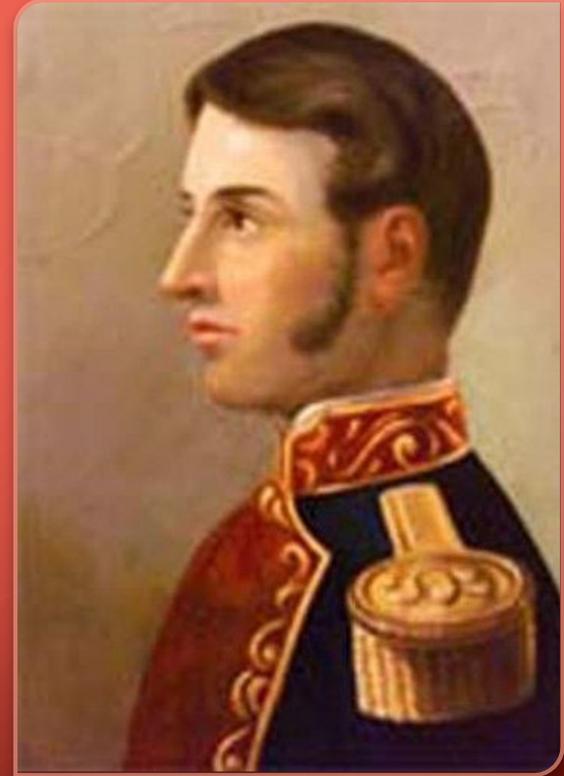


## WHO IS MARIANO MATAMOROS?

Was a priest who became one of Morelos' top commanders to leading the rebellions.

# WHO IS JUAN ALDAMA?

- He was a captain in the Queen's militia but who participated in secret pro-independence meetings with Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez.
- The Queen's militia find out he was participating in the rebellion so he ran away to join them fighting against Spain for independence.



# FUN FACTS ABOUT MEXICO



- Mexico is the 14th largest country by land area.
- The main language used in Mexico is Spanish
- The most popular sport in Mexico is football (soccer).
- Mexican food is known for its range of flavors and spices. Popular dishes include tacos and enchiladas.
- The Mexican flag colors stand for independence, unity, and religion.
- Chocolate, chilies, and corn come originally from Mexico.