

Key Terms

Creole - Spaniard born in the New World

Caudillo - Military chief or strongman, specifically one who takes over government

Ejido - Land owned in common by villages

Prisismo - Ideology and methods of PRI

Sexenio - Six-year term of Mexico's presidents

Statism - Idea that a strong government should run things, especially major industries.

Destazo - Tapped for high office

Bilateral Opposition - Centrist parties or governments undermined from both sides.

Hacienda - Large country estate with Spanish owner and Indian serfs.

Mestizaje - Intermingling of Spanish and Indian

Personalismo - Politics by strong, showoff personalities.

Machismo - Strutting, exaggerated masculinity

Norteamericanos - "North Americans;" U. S. Citizens.

Quixotic - Romantic unrealistic efforts to achieve mistaken goals

Co-Opt - To enroll other groups in your cause, rendering them harmless.

Gringo - Foreigner, specifically norteamericano; derogatory

NAFTA - 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement among the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Narcotraficante - Drug Trafficker

Patron Client System - political support in exchange for political and economic favors

Corporatist Structure - the state organizes people into different groups, such as peasants, middle class, and labor and then mediates and controls the groups.

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