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Parts of a Mission

Who was in charge of the mission?

What was the primary reason for building missions?

If you were to write a passage based on the information in the graphic, what genre would that passage be?

What is a question you have that the image does not answer?

Why were missions built along rivers?

What text feature helps the reader to visualize the mission?

What Are the Parts of a Mission?

Workshops

- Made goods to sell or trade using wood, metal, and cloth
- Native Americans worked in the workshops

Most missions are built along rivers to provide water for drinking, travel, and irrigation.

Fields

- Grew crops
- Raised livestock
- Tended by the Native Americans at the mission



Jose de Escandon was a Spanish colonizer who established the colony of Nuevo Santander along the Guadalupe River in 1727. He then became governor of the area and established more than 20 colonies with missions in Texas and Mexico.

Church

- Built to spread the Catholic religion to the indigenous population
- Led by Spanish Friars who also oversaw the everyday tasks of the mission

Presidio - Spanish for a heavily guarded military town or settlement

Housing

- Where the residents of the mission lived
- Protected the residents from outside attacks
- Spanish soldiers served as guards

What do you think is the most important part of a mission? Write a paragraph explaining your thoughts. Be sure to include details that support your idea.



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Spanish Missions of Texas

Why is a map the best way to display the information?

What can you infer about the location of the Spanish missions in Texas?

Where are the largest number of missions located in Texas?

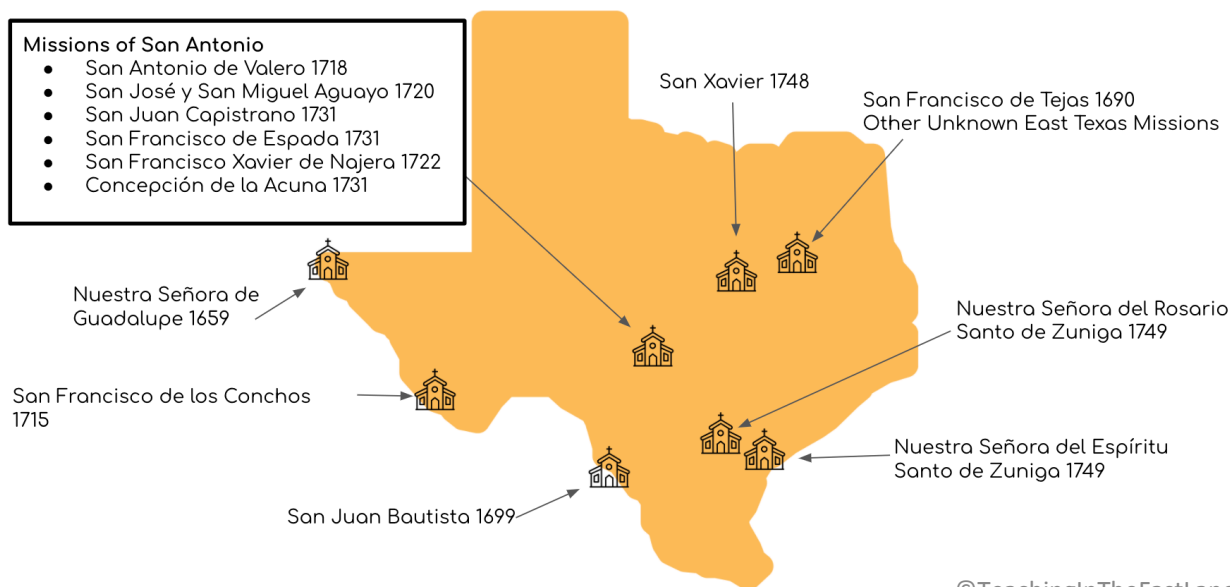
If you were traveling from Mission San Antonio de Valero to Mission Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, which direction would you be going?

What mission on the map was built first?

Spanish Missions in Texas

Missions of San Antonio

- San Antonio de Valero 1718
- San José y San Miguel Aguayo 1720
- San Juan Capistrano 1731
- San Francisco de Espada 1731
- San Francisco Xavier de Najera 1722
- Concepción de la Acuna 1731



Which mission on the map was built last?

What direction would you travel to visit Mission San Xavier from Mission San Francisco de los Conchos?



Choose one of the missions to visit and plan your trip there. Be sure to include how far you will travel and in what direction as well as the roads you will take and other things to do around the mission.