

Thinking About the Article

Practice Vocabulary

The terms below are in the passage in bold type. Study the way each term is used. Then complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank.

conservatives

liberals

diplomat

democracy

duties

capital

- 1 The _____ invested in Mexico by business people from other countries helped Porfirio Díaz modernize Mexico.
- 2 The majority of Mexicans were _____ who wanted a democratic government.
- 3 _____ collected on goods at the American border helped Mexico build up its treasury.
- 4 Wealthy Mexicans who wanted the strong protection of the military behind the government were called _____.
- 5 A _____ from Japan was one of the first from Asia to visit Mexico.
- 6 Mexicans would go through a second revolution before they achieved _____.

Understand the Article

Write the answer to each question.

- 7 How did Porfirio Díaz create order in Mexico?

- 8 Why did Díaz invite diplomats to Mexico?

- 9 Why did so many people die in Mexico City between 1895 and 1910?

Apply Your Skills

Circle the number of the best answer for each question.

- ⑩ Which statement about Mexico under Díaz is a hasty generalization?
- (1) Soldiers tried to collect duties on imports at the borders.
 - (2) Capital from industrial countries was used to boost industry.
 - (3) Díaz kept order by increasing the number of police.
 - (4) All foreign diplomats to Mexico approved of its government.
 - (5) Díaz decided to delay democracy.
- ⑪ Look at the table on page 62. Which of the following conclusions is supported by the economic facts?
- (1) Mining production decreased during Díaz's presidency.
 - (2) Manufacturing doubled while Díaz was in office.
 - (3) The gross national product tripled under Díaz's leadership.
 - (4) Mexico had a growing oil industry in the 1800s.
 - (5) Agricultural production remained the same between 1895 and 1910.
- ⑫ Based on the graph from page 62, which conclusion can you draw about investors in Mexico?
- (1) Americans invested more money than the combined investment from Europeans.
 - (2) Germany invested more in Mexico than any other European country.
 - (3) Spain invested the least money of all the countries shown.
 - (4) Great Britain's investment equaled the combined money from Germany, France, Spain, and Austria-Hungary.
 - (5) Foreigners invested more than one billion pesos in Mexico between 1896 and 1907.

Connect with the Article

Write your answer to each question.

- ⑬ Another popular slogan during Díaz's time in office was *pan e palo*, or "bread and the stick." What do you think this slogan meant to Mexican workers?

- ⑭ Would you give up your rights and freedom for a well-paying job? Explain why or why not.
