Neighbors Gain Their Independence

People and Cultures

1. Turn to pages 36–37 of the Atlas. Look at picture A and map B, "New Spain Breaks Apart." Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

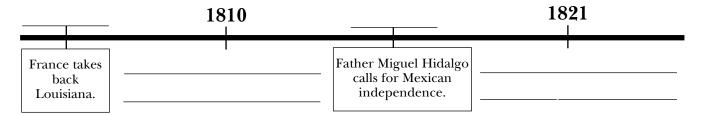
The Spanish began to build missions in	in 1769.
The earliest of these missions was	Missions not only had
churches, but also places to work,	,, and
New towns, or	, and forts, or
, were also built after	1769. In the same year the Declaration of
Independence was written, the presidio at	and the pueblo
of were founded. The	e last mission in California was built at
about	years after Mexico gained its
independence from Spain.	

Time and Change

- **2.** Look again at map B. Compare it with map B, "Spanish Settlements," on page 22. Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - **a.** The original Royal Highway (El Camino Real) connected _____ with the capital of New Spain, _____ .
 - **b.** El Camino Real in California began in ______ and continued northward.
 - C. Earlier Spanish missions were mainly along the coast of theOcean, while the last missions were along the ______ coast.

History Through Maps

3. Look again at map B. Also read the quotation. Use the information to complete the timeline below.



Gathering the Facts

4. Read the overview. Also look at map C, "Area Protected by the Monroe Doctrine." Use the information to answer the following questions.

a. What U.S. policy declared that the Americas were off-limits to future European

expansion? ____

b. What country did Mexico and most of South America gain their independence from?

c. What country gained its independence from France?

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

5. Look again at map C. List the countries on each continent that had gained their independence by 1823.

 North America
 South America

 a.
 f.

 b.
 g.

 c.
 h.

 d.
 i.

 e.
 j.

 k.

Links Far and Near

6. Look at map C. Match the American colony with the European country that controlled it in 1823.

1.

American Colony

Mother Country

a. Greenland •

• Great Britain

b. Alaska •

• Spain

c. Cuba •

• Denmark (Danish)

d. Bahamas •

• France

e. Martinique •

• Russia