

10 NEED-TO-KNOW FACTS ABOUT MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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| 11 | 1810 | 1821 | Father Hidalgo |
| Green | Grito | Independence | July 4 th |
| May 5 th | New Spain | President | Priest |
| Religion | September 16 th | Spain | Spaniards |

Mexico was called _____ in the early 1500s after Spain took it over. For the next 300 years, the indigenous people of Mexico were forced to work for the _____.

Mexican Independence Day is _____ and not _____.

_____, a _____, rang a bell, calling his congregation to church. He then gave El Grito de Dolores (which means the Cry of Dolores) to his congregation on September 15, _____. It was this "cry" that start the war for Independence.

Although Father Hidalgo was captured and shot by a firing squad during the first year of the revolution, the war continued for _____ more years. Mexican independence from _____ was finally won in _____.

Every September 15th, the _____ of Mexico rings the same bell Father Hidalgo rang from the balcony of the National Palace in Mexico City and gives a reenactment of El _____ de Dolores.

On September 16th is a day full of celebrations in Mexico much like _____ is in the United States.

The _____ of the Mexican flag represents Mexican independence, white represents _____ at the heart of the Mexican culture and people, and red represents the union between religion and _____.