

## 10 NEED-TO-KNOW FACTS ABOUT MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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### BANCO DE PALABRAS

11	1810	1821	Father Hidalgo
Green	Grito	Independence	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	New Spain	President	Priest
Religion	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.