JUANA AZURDUY

Juana Azurduy de Padilla (July 12, 1780 – May 25, 1862) was a guerrilla military leader from Chuquisaca, Viceroyalty of the Río de la Plata (now Sucre, Bolivia). She *fought* for Bolivian independence alongside her husband, Manuel Ascencio Padilla. She *was* strong and the military leader of the indigenous people of Alto Peru.

She *grew up* in Chuquisaca and at the age of 12 she *joined* a convent to become a nun. She is then expelled at the age of 17 because she *rebelled* too often. She marries Manuel Ascencio Padilla in 1805, a man who shares her love of the indigenous populations in Bolivia. She *spoke* Spanish and two South American languages: Quechua and Aymara.

Juana and Manuel *had* 5 children but two sons *died* of malaria.

Azurduy and her husband *joined* the Chuquisaca Revolution, In 1812 Padilla and Juana Azurduy *served* under General Manuel Belgrano,

During the Battle of La Laguna on November 14, 1816, Juana, who is expecting her fifth child, is injured, and her husband is killed.

After the death of Padilla, Juana *stayed* in the region of Salta where she *continued* to fight under the command of the Argentinian governor/guerrilla leader, General Martín Miguel de Güemes.

She *died* impoverished on May 25, 1862 at the age of 82, and is buried in a communal grave.

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A) Complete

Name:	
Date of Birth	
Date of Death	
Place of Birth	
Husband	
Occupation	
Children	
Languages	

B) Answer

1. Was Juana a Spanish leader?
2. Where was she from?
3. What did she fight for?
4. How many children did she have?
5. Who was her husband?
6. When did she die?

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C) Find these verbs in the text and complete the chart

	Past form	type	Spanish
1. Fight			
2. be			
3. join			
4. grow up			
5. Speak			
6.Have:			
7. continue			
8. die			

D) Complete the sentences with a verb from C)

1. Juana and Padilla ……for the independence of Bolivia
2. They …….. 5 children
3. She …….. Spanish, Quechua and Aymara
4. Juana and her husband ……under Manuel Belgrano
5. Padilla …….. on November 14, 1816 in the Battle of Laguna

E) Write 3 sentences about Juana Azurduy or another Argentinian leader.

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