

AUGUST 10, 1809



On the night of **August 9, 1809**, a group of members of the Creole society of Quito met in the house of **Manuela Cañizares** to define a strategy. It is said that in the early hours of that morning, when some of those present were unmotivated, Manuela rebuked them with a harsh phrase: "Cowards... men born for servitude, what are you afraid of... There is no time to lose...!" That early morning the Sovereign Government Junta was formed, whose main authorities were the **Marquis of Selva Alegre**, **Juan Pío Montúfar**, as president and Bishop **José Cuero y Caicedo**, as vice-president.

Doctors **Juan de Dios Morales**, **Manuel Rodríguez de Quiroga** and **Juan Larrea** were appointed as secretaries of State, offices of the Interior, Grace, Justice and Treasury. Very early, Dr. Antonio Ante, general secretary of the Government Board, visited Don Manuel Ruiz Urriez, Count Ruiz de Castilla and president of the Royal Court of Quito, to inform him that the Government Board relieved him of his functions. Meanwhile, Colonel Juan de Salinas, in command of the military forces, declared his loyalty to the Government Junta and to King Ferdinand VII.

1 Read the previous text carefully and then answer the following:

a) In the presidency of the ROYAL AUDIENCY OF QUITO was

The Count of Montecristi

The Count Ruiz of Castilla

b) On the night of August 9, 1809, a group of patriots met in the house of:

c) In the early hours of that morning, a Junta was formed.

d) The Junta elected as president: a:

e) Its vice president was

## 2. Match the right thing with lines

Dr. Juan de Dios Morales

Secretary of Interior

Dr. Manuel Rodriguez by Quiroga

Secretary of Grace,  
Justice and Treasury

Dr. Juan Larrea

Secretary of State