Imagine you are a Franciscan friar sent to south Texas to establish a mission on behalf of the King of Spain. How do you go about recruiting and gaining the trust of American Indians that you want to join your mission?

How did the American Indians of the San Antonio Missions protect and preserve their cultural heritage throughout the Spanish colonial period? Where do we see the influence of this in today’s society?

Were the San Antonio Missions successful? What information supports your conclusion?