

Tumacácori National Historical Park



Mission Mystery Post-Field Trip Assessment - Part 1

Each of the sources available to you during the mystery represented a real aspect of life, relationships, benefit, and conflict at the historic Tumacácori mission. Using the information gained from your interviews and your pre-trip lessons, match the sources with their main difficulties and benefits.

Draw a line from the issue to the source. If you feel that multiple sources illustrate that issue, draw multiple lines.

The Difficulties

Who's in charge?

Safety from raids

Rebellion against the missions

Hard work (that you didn't get to choose) in the mission community

Sharing and distributing food

The Benefits

Lots of new food

Freedom to choose mission life

New technology and buildings

Cultural exchange of art, music, and religion

Opportunities for leadership within the mission

The Sources

Gutierrez, the Foreman

Heosig, the Gardener

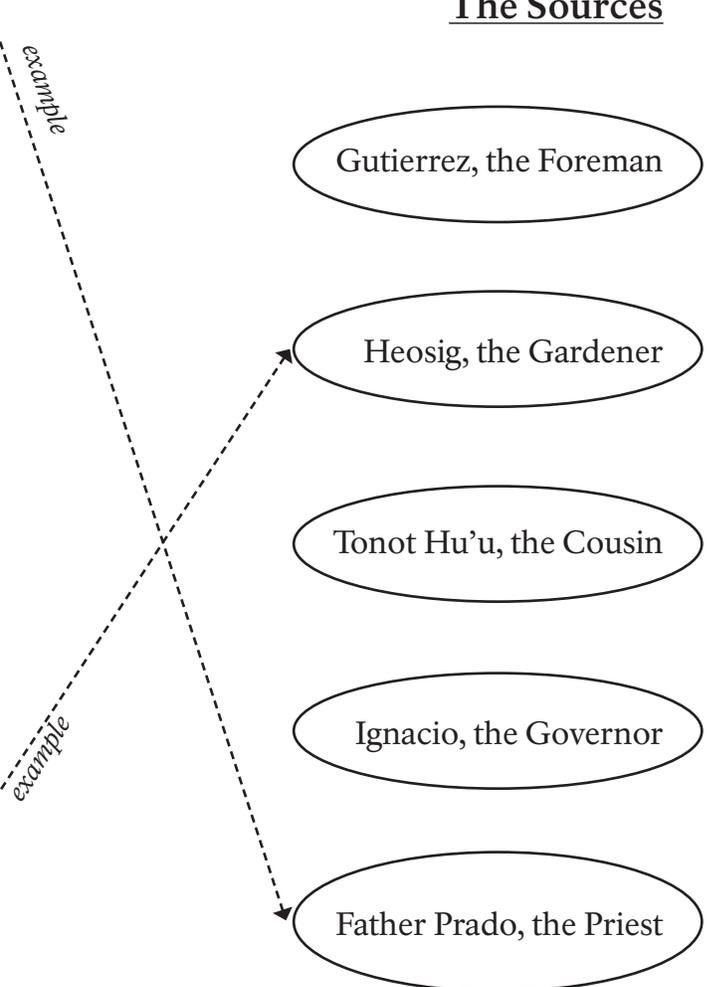
Tonot Hu'u, the Cousin

Ignacio, the Governor

Father Prado, the Priest

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Mission Mystery Post-Field Trip Assessment - Part 2

How common were tragedies like Antonio's in mission communities like Tumacácori? Let's do the math and find out.

The Book of Burials of [Mission] San José de Tumacácori documents 684 burials between 1769 and 1826. That's 57 years.

$$57 \overline{) 684} \quad \boxed{} = \text{average number of burials per year during mission times}$$

Does that seem like a lot for a community with a maximum population of 200? How does it compare with today?

According to the 2010 census, the current population of Tumacácori (and neighboring Carmen) is 393, or about 400. That's twice Tumacácori's maximum historic population. However, the State of Arizona records show far fewer deaths in a 57 year period. Only 68.

$$57 \overline{) 68} \quad \boxed{} = \text{average number of burials per year during modern times}$$

Question: Why was the death rate so much higher in Spanish colonial times than it is today?



Mission Mystery Post-Field Trip Assessment - Part 3

Antonio had conflicts with most of the other people at the mission. Some of them were personality-based, but others may have had to do with his circumstances in life. As you saw, things didn't work out very well for Antonio in the end.

1. If you were in Antonio's position, would you have chosen to join the Tumacácori mission? Why or why not?

2. Imagine Antonio asked you for advice. How would you suggest he deal with:

His Cousin, Tonot Hu'u: _____

The Priest, Father Prado: _____

The Governor, Ignacio: _____

The Gardener, Heosig: _____

The Foreman, Gutierrez: _____
