

C3 CLASSES
WEEK 4
NOTES: FIRST CALIFORNIANS & MISSIONS

Vocabulary:

Adobe- a compound made of natural clay, straw, and dung. The mixture was pressed into forms to make bricks.

Presidio- a military fort or prison

Pueblo- the Spanish word for little town or village

Rancho- Spanish word for ranch

Vaquero- The Spanish word for cowboy

Overview Of Missions:

1. The Spanish missions were created to colonize California's Coast and to protect Spain's interests from Russian and British explorers. Also, to convert California Indians to the catholic faith.
2. King Carlos III of Spain funded the building of the missions and oversaw them.
3. Father Junipero Serra founded the first California Mission in 1769, in San Diego, California.
4. Between 1769 and 1823 a chain of 21 missions were built between San Diego and north of San Francisco.

Life At The Missions: We will fill in next week!

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The Mission Trail:

- The Spanish Missions were built about 30 miles apart along a 600 mile trail. The trail connected Alta California Missions.
- To travel from one mission to the next it took: 2 days to walk and 1 day to ride a horse
- The El Camino Real means the Royal Road.
- Any road under the Spanish crown was called the El Camino Real. Once Mexico gained its independence no roads in Mexico or Alta California were called El Camino Real. It was later revived when California became a part of United States.