

New Kinds of Settlements

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4th Grade

Social Studies

The First Missions

- Florida's first successful mission was named Nombre de Dios, which means "Name of God" in Spanish. It was built just north of St. Augustine.
- Nombre de Dios and the missions that followed it were run by missionaries. A missionary is a person who teaches his or her religion to others.
- In addition to helping convert Native Floridians to Christianity, the missionaries also taught them the Spanish language, Spanish habits, and the Spanish style of dress.

The First Missions

- The missions built in northern Florida, in the lands of the Apalachees and the Timucuas, had the most success.
- *Cacique: A Novel of Florida's Heroic Mission History* by Robert J. Baker, Bishop of Charleston, SC, is based on one of these missions.

Cacique: A Novel of Florida's Heroic Mission History

- Based on facts uncovered in High Springs, Florida, *Cacique* (pronounced “ka – SEE – kay”) is full of heroism, action, sorrow and joy. But most of all, the story is one of unceasing faith in God.
- The novel lovingly describes the lives of the inhabitants of the Potano Indian village and the priests that come to convert them.

Cacique: A Novel of Florida's Heroic Mission History

- Through his strong faith, the young Father Tomas (based on the real-life Father Martin Prieto) is instrumental in helping the Cacique, leader of the village, learn to understand and believe the truths of Catholicism.
- Soon, many of the villagers also come to embrace Catholicism.
- The Gospel spreads to nearby tribes.

Activity: Write a Description

- Imagine you are living with the Father Tomas and the Potano Indians at the mission.
- Now, write a description of what you think your life would be like there. Include who and what you see around you. Also, what you would be doing. Be sure to use a lot of descriptive words, like adjectives.

Activity Rubric

4-Point Score Indicators: The student
__ shows thorough understanding of content.
__ exhibits outstanding insight/creativity.
__ communicates ideas clearly and effectively.

3-Point Score Indicators: The student
__ shows adequate understanding of content.
__ exhibits reasonable insight/creativity.
__ communicates most ideas clearly and effectively.

2-Point Score Indicators: The student
__ shows partial understanding of content.
__ exhibits limited insight/creativity.
__ communicates a few ideas clearly and effectively.

1-Point Score Indicators: The student
__ shows little or no understanding of content.
__ does not exhibit insight/creativity.
__ has difficulty communicating ideas clearly and effectively.

Overall score for project _____

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