



Mexican American Labor (11.5.2)

Background:

When the United States acquired the lands from Mexico in 1848 Mexicans living in those regions now lived in a different country. While the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo stated that Mexican landowners most lost their lands in the courts and to scams. Without this many were forced to find work elsewhere and take on a lower status in society.

Prompt:

What was life like for Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in the 1920s?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.