

The Porfiriato Lecture Notes Name: _____

- 1) The period of rule by Porfirio Diaz between 1876 to 1910 was known as the _____.
- 2) Diaz's rule of Mexico was characterized by the following themes:
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- 3) Despite being a Mestizo, Porfirio Diaz embraced which side of his cultural heritage?
- 4) What was the *Plan of Tuxtepec* and how did it lead to Diaz's rule in 1877?
- 5) What were conditions in Mexico like in 1876 when Diaz came to power?
- 6) Who were the "*Hacendados*" in Mexico?
- 7) What was the economic growth in Mexico of the Porfiriato based upon?
- 8) An example of a prominent Mexican export during this period was *henequen*. What was henequen used for?
- 9) Mexico under Diaz passed a law which said "Any land without a title would default to the Mexican government". What did this innocent sounding law lead to?
- 10) How did the communal land system called the *Ejido* function?
- 11) Why was it possible for wealthy *hacendado* "land sharks" to trick the indigenous natives into giving up their communal lands?

- 12) **Haciendas** grew rapidly in size, with some growing to millions of acres. (The largest ranch in the USA was “King Ranch” at 300,000 acres at the time). This meant Mexican Haciendas were _____ times larger than the largest similar US land holdings.
- 13) What does the word “**Peones**” mean? How were these workers paid?
- 14) What would happen if **peones** tried to leave their land? What if they died?
- 15) One scholar called the Porfirato Era a time of “**Growth without equity**”. Do you agree?
- 16) During the Porfiriato the population of Mexico _____ but the amount of food grown actually remained _____.
- 17) Who were the **Cientificos**?
- 18) How did the **Cientificos** view:
Administrative power/dictatorship-
The Indigenous people-
- 19) What important positive developments occurred in Mexico during the Porifrato?
- 20) What two industries benefitted most from the financial boom during this period?
- 21) What does “**Sufragio Efectivo, No Reeleccion**” mean and how did Diaz eventually ignore his own slogan?
- 22) How did Diaz treat journalists during the Era?
- 23) Who were the “**Rurales**” during the Porfirato and how were they initially used?
- 24) Eventually, how were the Rurales used?