

Aim: How did the Mexican Revolution affect Mexico?

I Porfirio Diaz

- President of Mexico for 31 years.
- Power & wealth was in the hands of a select few.
- The people had no power
- President Diaz and his supporters used their political and economic resources to stay in power indefinitely.

II Francisco Madero

- Madero a local landowner wanted to remove Diaz and ran for president.
- Shortly before the elections of 1910, Madero was captured and imprisoned.
- He stated that the election was a fraud and declared himself President
- This started the Mexican Revolution

III. The Revolution

1. Francisco “Poncho” Villa and Emiliano Zapata led an uprising of the peasants.
2. The revolts defeated Diaz in six months.
3. The people called for an election and Francisco Madero was elected President.

IV A Second Uprising

- military uprisings led to the assassination of Madero was killed in 1913
- New leader General Huerta was abusive
- Villa, Zapata, Carranza and Obregón fought and removed Huerta

V The Constitution of 1917

1. Carranza created a new constitution in 1917.
2. It addressed
 - no foreign ownership of resources
 - organized labor code, the right to strike and eight hour work days.
 - Education was to be free
3. Carranza would be killed and leaders would continue to push for democracy