

Globe Lesson 8 Early Spanish Settlements

Skills used Latitude & Longitude
 Using scale to measure distance
 Using directions
 Tracing routes on maps
 Solving problems

Vocabulary missions, haciendas

Materials Needed Globe in Horizon Ring Mounting

Lesson

While the English colonies were gaining a foothold on the east coast of North America, the Spanish were busy building *missions* and establishing large ranches called *haciendas* in the West. By the time Jamestown was founded in 1607, Mexico City had been a thriving Spanish city for more than half a century, and Spanish missions were already established in what is now the state of New Mexico. By the early 1800s the Spanish had settlements in the West that reached as far north as the present site of San Francisco, California.

On your globe, find the cities of Mexico City, Mexico at $20^{\circ}\text{N}/99^{\circ}\text{W}$ and San Francisco at $37^{\circ}\text{N}/122^{\circ}\text{W}$. Use you globe's mounting ring to determine the great circle distance between Mexico City and San Francisco. How far is it? (1.) _____
What direction is San Francisco from Mexico City? (2.) _____

One of the things that helped the Spanish govern settlements scattered over such long distances was an excellent road network called El Camino Real.