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★ Guided Reading Activity **7-2**

DIRECTIONS: Filling in the Blanks In the space provided, write the word or words that best complete the sentence. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- 1. In 1821, Mexico won its independence from _____
- **2.** The far northern territories of California, New Mexico, and ______ remained part of Mexico.
- **3.** The northern territories were sparsely populated by _____ and _____ settlers.
- **4.** The purpose of missions was to spread the _____ and ____ to Native Americans.
- **5.** Many Mexicans believed that a republic should not maintain state-supported ______.
- **6.** Mission lands ended up in the hands of ______
- **7.** ______, or ranch owners, owned sprawling tracts of land in California.
- had suffered high mortality rates under Spanish rule.Unlike American women, married Hispanic women retained control over their own
- and could appeal to the court system to resolve legal issues.
- **10.** Pueblos and Hispanic settlers in New Mexico became dissatisfied with the _____ after the military was unable to provide protection against attacks from Navajos and Apaches.
- **11.** In 1837, Pueblos and Hispanic settlers rebelled, killing the unpopular _____ and 16 other government officials.
- **12.** The governor of California granted 50,000 acres of land to ______, who built a trading post and cattle ranch.
- **13.** The first stop for Americans reaching California was _____
- **14.** William Becknell opened the ______, a major trade route.

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15. California and New Mexico remained Mexican ______ for twenty-five years after Mexican independence.