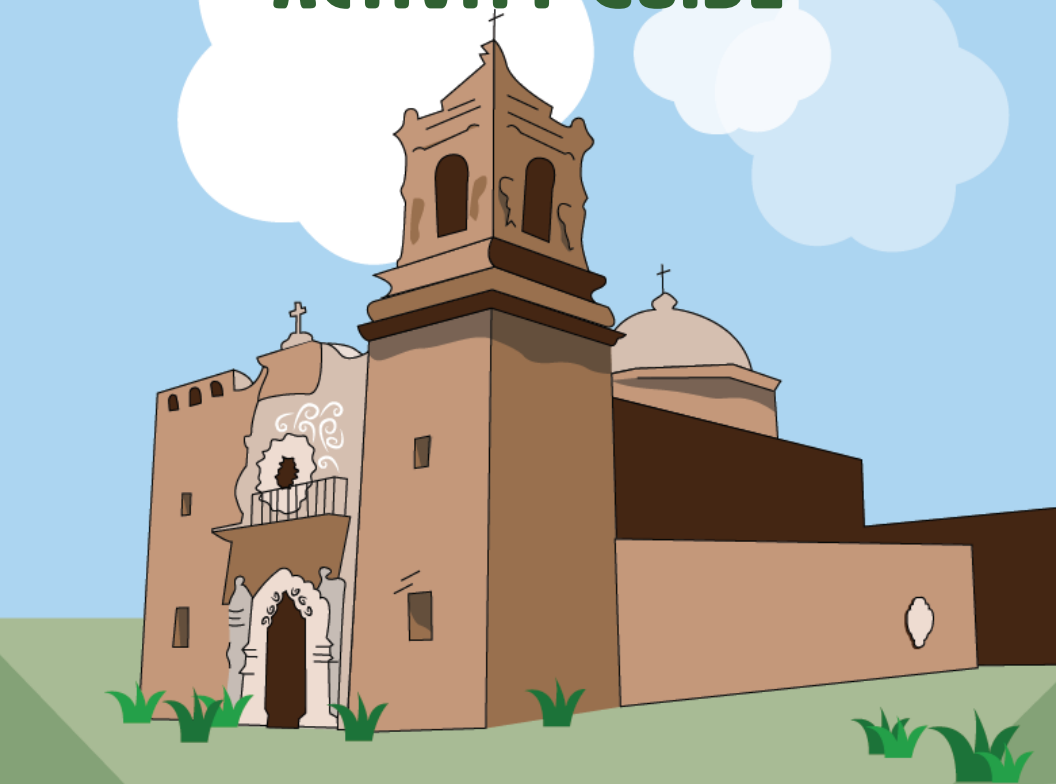




JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY GUIDE



EXPLORE • LEARN • PROTECT

EXPLORE, LEARN, AND PROTECT

Begin your Junior Ranger journey!

You are on your way to becoming a **JUNIOR RANGER!** When you have finished as much as you can, show your work to a park ranger or volunteer at the visitor center or contact station desk. They will check your answers and swear you in as an official Junior Park Ranger!

DID YOU KNOW?

Spaniards traveled across the Atlantic Ocean over 300 years ago to present-day Texas. They built missions to convert the native peoples, who inhabited the land for thousands of years, into Spanish citizens.



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

San Antonio is shown on this map with a star. Mark where you live on the map. Shade any other states you have been to. Did you know there are national parks in every state?



COAHUILTECANS KWA-WEEL-TEKENS

The native peoples

People have lived in South Texas for at least 10,000 years. These early inhabitants were migrant hunter gatherers. That means they moved with the seasons to find food. They were distinct bands made up of family units that the Spanish called **COAHUILTECANS**.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

Take a look around the park. Can you list things that were not here 10,000 years ago?

LIFE ON THE GO

What would you take with you if you had to migrate?

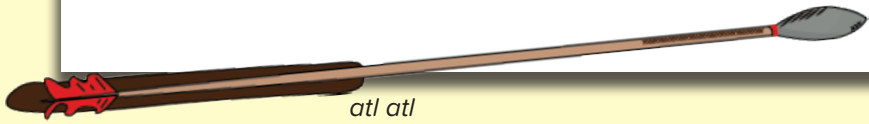


COAHUILTECANS

Using the natural resources

Native people relied on nature for food and shelter. Their diet consisted of nuts, fruits, and wild animals. They used tools to hunt, like the **ATL ATL**.

DRAW AN ANIMAL YOU THINK COAHUILTECANS HUNTED



atl atl

CAN YOU FIND THE NATURAL RESOURCES THAT THE COAHUILTECANS USED?

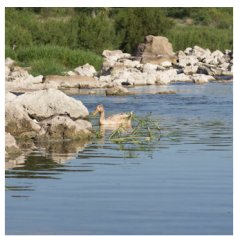
Complete this scavenger hunt as you explore the park.



Honey mesquite tree



Prickly pear cactus



A water source



Yucca

THE SPANISH

Encountering the native land

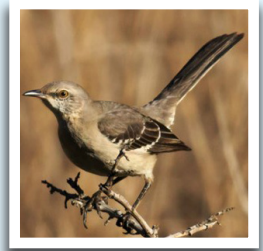
When the Spanish arrived in the 1700s, they found plants, birds, and people that were new to them. They converted the native peoples into Spanish citizens by teaching them a new language, religion, and trades. The Spanish even gave them new names. In return for their sacrifices, the native people had access to food and protection.

CAN YOU FIND THE TREES AND BIRDS THAT THE EARLY SPANISH EXPLORERS FOUND?

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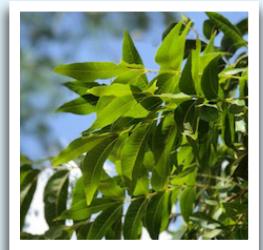
Texas live oak



Northern mockingbird



Grackle



Pecan tree

ACEQUIA SYSTEM



The San Antonio River was an important resource. The mission inhabitants dug **ACEQUIAS** (a-SEH-kee-yas), a ditch that uses gravity to move water from the San Antonio River to each mission site.

THE SPANISH

What is a mission?

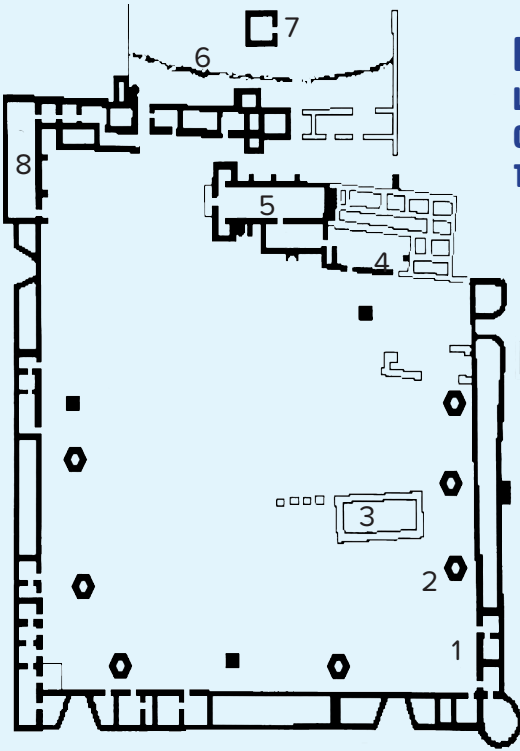
As the Spanish explored the area we now know as the American Southwest, they created communities to help spread their laws, culture, and beliefs. The **MISSIONS** along the San Antonio River were built to protect those who lived there while they learned a new way of life.



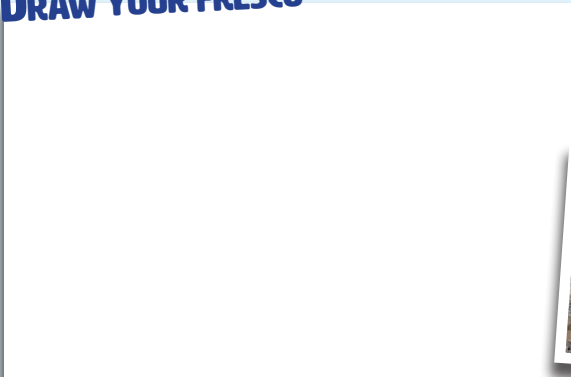
Franciscan Friar

MATCH THE NUMBERED LOCATIONS ON THE MAP OF MISSION SAN JOSÉ TO THE CORRECT WORD

- ___ acequia
- ___ church
- ___ convento
(Friar's residence)
- ___ granary
- ___ grist mill
- ___ horno (oven)
- ___ Native homes
- ___ workshop



DRAW YOUR FRESCO



DID YOU KNOW?

Mission Concepción was once covered with beautiful wall art called *frescos*. These were made by mixing dry pigment, or color, into wet plaster.



YOUR PARK

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

On November 12, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed the bill creating **SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**. Today, the missions are preserved by the National Park Service. The church buildings are maintained by the Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio. All four of the churches remain active parishes. That means they hold services every week!



MATCH THE MISSION NAME TO THE PICTURE

Concepción

San José

San Juan

Espada



FIND YOUR PARK

Draw or write in the boxes below as you explore the San Antonio Missions.

Something Beautiful

Something Special About This Place

Something New I Learned

Something I Want to Remember



This Certifies That

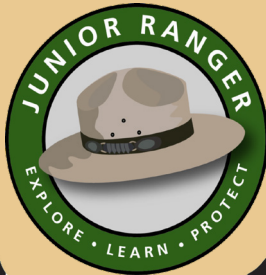
Has Earned the Title of

JUNIOR RANGER

As a Junior Ranger I promise
to continue exploring and learning
about nature and history,
to live each day as earth's best friend, and
to help my friends and family do the same.

Junior Ranger Signature

Ranger Signature



Date stamp

Jr. Ranger stamp