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Who delivered the *Cry of Dolores*, urging Mexican independence?

Miguel Hidalgo was a soldier and a Mexican priest. He was one of the leaders of the fight for the independence of Mexico.

Miguel Hidalgo was born in Mexico. He was raised in the countryside with his parents and three brothers. Young Miguel loved to read. He studied philosophy and theology. His friends called him the fox. When he grew up, Miguel Hidalgo became a priest.

Miguel Hidalgo led a revolt for the independence of Mexico. On the morning of September 16, 1810, he rang the church bells and gave out a cry. The cry has been called *Cry of Dolores*, and it urged the people to take up arms and fight the Spanish for independence. Hidalgo led an army of patriots who won several important battles and then organized a government in Guadalajara. But the Royalists, loyal to the Spanish, defeated him in the Battle of Calderón Bridge.

He tried to escape to the U.S. but was captured and sentenced to death.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

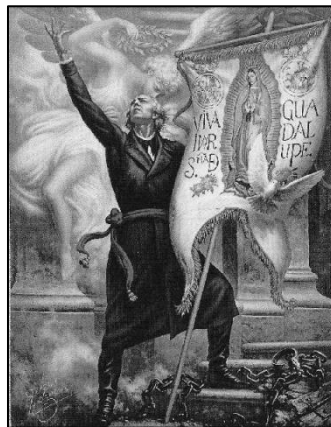
1. What did Miguel Hidalgo study?

- a. philosophy and theology
- b. science and medicine
- c. architecture and engineering
- d. none of the above



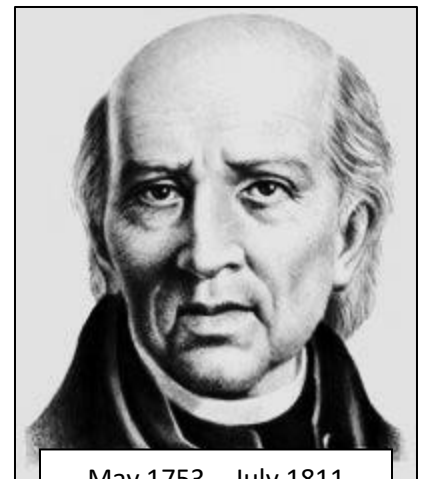
2. Friends of Miguel Hidalgo called him _____.

- a. the rabbit
- b. the elephant
- c. the tiger
- d. the fox

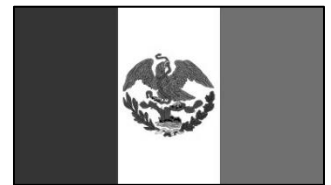


3. Miguel Hidalgo was a _____.

- a. politician
- b. farmer
- c. priest
- d. doctor



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4. Miguel Hidalgo led the fight for _____.

- a. the independence of Cuba
- b. the independence of Mexico
- c. the independence of Ecuador
- d. the independence of Bolivia

