



Latin American

Independence

Movement

Toussaint L'Ouverture, Simon Bolivar,  
& Miguel Hidalgo

# WHO AM I?

Your Task: Write down three interesting facts about each leader in the boxes below.

Who?	Fact 1	Fact 2	Fact 3	Picture
Toussaint L'Ouverture				
Simon Bolivar				
Miguel Hidalgo				

# Spain Builds An Empire

- Spain conquered most of the lands in the Americas (while Portugal conquered Brazil).
- It divided its empire into provinces.
- The two most important provinces were New Spain and Peru.
- Spain set up a class system; Native Americans were the lowest.

# Treatment of Natives

- The Native Americans were the least powerful class.
- They were forced to work on plantations (haciendas) for European settlers.
- They also worked in mines after silver was discovered (extremely dangerous).
  - Many died from overwork, malnutrition, or diseases.
- The population decreased from 25 million in 1519 to less than 2 million in the late 1500s.

# Emergence of Slavery

- European diseases decimated Native American population.
- European settlers still needed workers for plantations.
  - Colonists began importing African slaves to supplement Native American labor.
- Aspects of Native American & African culture (languages, customs, beliefs, traditions) survived & blended together.

# Blending of Ethnic Groups

- **Mestizos:** people of mixed Native American and European ancestry
- **Criollo:** had Spanish-born parents, but was born in Latin America
- **Mulattoes:** people of mixed African and European ancestry

# Triangular Trade

- Ships leaving Europe first stopped in Africa; they traded European goods for captives taken in tribal wars or raids.
- Ships then traveled to America; slaves were exchanged for sugar & other island products.
- Ships returned home loaded with products from the Americas that grew very popular with Europeans.



# Slavery in Americas

- An estimated 8-15 million Africans reached the Americas from the 16th to the 19th century.
- The African slave population quickly began to outnumber the Europeans & the Native Americans.
  - Slave rebellions were common.



Toussaint

L'Ouverture

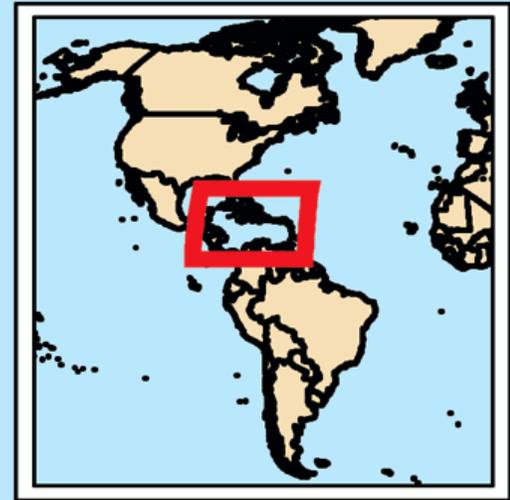
# Toussaint L'Ouverture

- He was a former slave in Haiti (freed in 1777).
- In 1791, he led a huge slave revolt against the French in Hispaniola.
- France was also fighting a war against Spanish forces in Hispaniola; they couldn't deal with slave rebellions.
  - They promised that any slave who joined the French army & fought the Spanish would be freed.
- In 1795, L'Ouverture's army helped the French defeat the Spanish.



*Gulf of Mexico*

*North Atlantic Ocean*



United States  
Key West

Miami

The Bahamas

Havana

Cuba

Turks & Caicos

Camaguey

Holguín

Santiago de Cuba

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Port-au-Prince

Santiago

Puerto Rico

Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Jamaica

Kingston

Santo Domingo

San Juan

Anguilla

St. Martin

Barbuda

Antigua

Montserrat

Guadeloupe

Dominica

Martinique

St. Lucia

Barbados

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Guatemala

Guatemala City

Tegucigalpa

San Salvador

Nicaragua

Managua

El Salvador

Providencia

San Andrés

Costa Rica

San José

Panama

Panama City

Colombia

Barranquilla

Cartagena

Maracaibo

Caracas

Barcelona

Venezuela

*Pacific Ocean*

*Caribbean Sea*

*Greater Antilles*

*Lesser Antilles*

*Leeward Antilles*

*Windward Islands*

*Leeward Islands*



# Toussaint L'Ouverture

- In 1801, L'Ouverture led a huge army into a Spanish colony & freed all slaves there.
  - Six months later, he became “governor general of Haiti for life.”
- In 1802, a large French army lands in Haiti.
- They wanted to restore old French government & regain control of sugar trade.
- L'Ouverture's army fought the French & lost.
- French arrested L'Ouverture and sent him to prison in France.
  - L'Ouverture died while in prison.



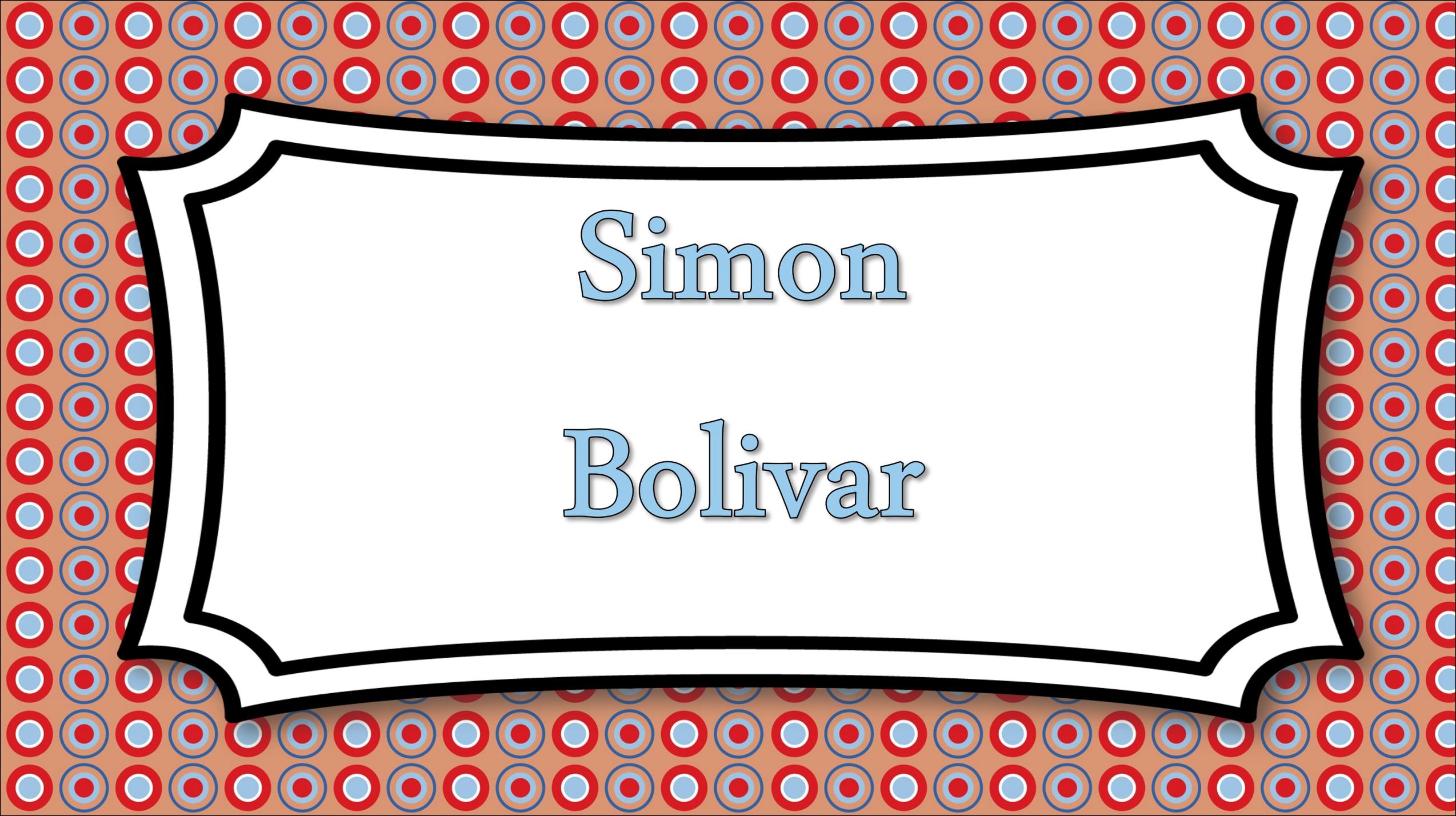
TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE

*Chef des Nègres de Saint-Domingue*  
*A Paris chez M. de la Harpe, N. 10.*

# Haiti's Independence

- L'Ouverture's army was outraged; it took up arms again against France.
  - In November 1803, they defeated the last of the French forces.
- In 1804, they declared Haiti independent of French rule.
- Haiti became the 1st country in Latin America to break free of European imperialism.





Simon

Bolívar

# Simon Bolivar

- Bolivar was a wealthy Venezuelan Criollo who spent many years traveling Europe.
- While in Italy, he discovered his life's purpose: to liberate his homeland from European control.
- In 1810, Bolivar's army kicks Spanish governor out of Venezuela
- In 1811, a new constitution proclaimed Venezuela independent of Spanish rule.
- Soon after, Spanish royalists defeated the new country's army & Bolivar was forced to flee to New Granada (Colombia).



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- Over the next few years, Bolivar liberated New Granada (now Colombia), Ecuador, Panama, Peru, & Upper Peru (now Bolivia).





Miguel

Hidalgo

# Miguel Hidalgo

- Hidalgo was a Catholic priest in the town of Dolores.
- He began the struggle for Mexico's independence in 1810.
  - September 16th, 1810: "Cry of Dolores" was his call for revolution.
- He rang church bells and shouted, "Long live our Lady of Guadalupe! Death to bad government! Death to the Spaniards!".
- An army of mestizos & Native Americans rallied behind Hidalgo.





# Mexico Continues to Fight

- Over 80,000 people joined the fight, but the army was soon defeated by the Spanish.
  - Hidalgo was captured and executed in 1811.
- Mexicans continued to fight for independence over the next decade.

# Mexico's Independence

- In 1821, Mexico gained independence from Spain.
- Mexico celebrates September 16<sup>th</sup> as it's Independence Day.
  - The president rings a bell in Mexico city and repeats Hidalgo's "Cry of Dolores."

# In Your Opinion...

All of these men had a tremendous impact on the independence of Latin American countries from European rule.

- In your opinion, which leader had the greatest impact on Latin America's independence? Why?
  - Use complete sentences to write your opinion statement and include at least 3 reasons that support it.

# A Spanish Spy

You are a spy that was sent by the Spanish government to Latin America. Your mission is to look for suspicious people who may try to revolt against European countries. Write a letter to the Spanish government telling them about the three revolutionary leaders that you have found in Latin America. These men are a huge threat to Spain and other European empires, so make sure you include a lot of information about these leaders.

**Hints:** Who are they? Where are they located? What are they trying to do? Why are they against European control?

**Dear Spanish Official, ...**

# Time Capsule

Your Task: create a time capsule for Latin America's independence movement.

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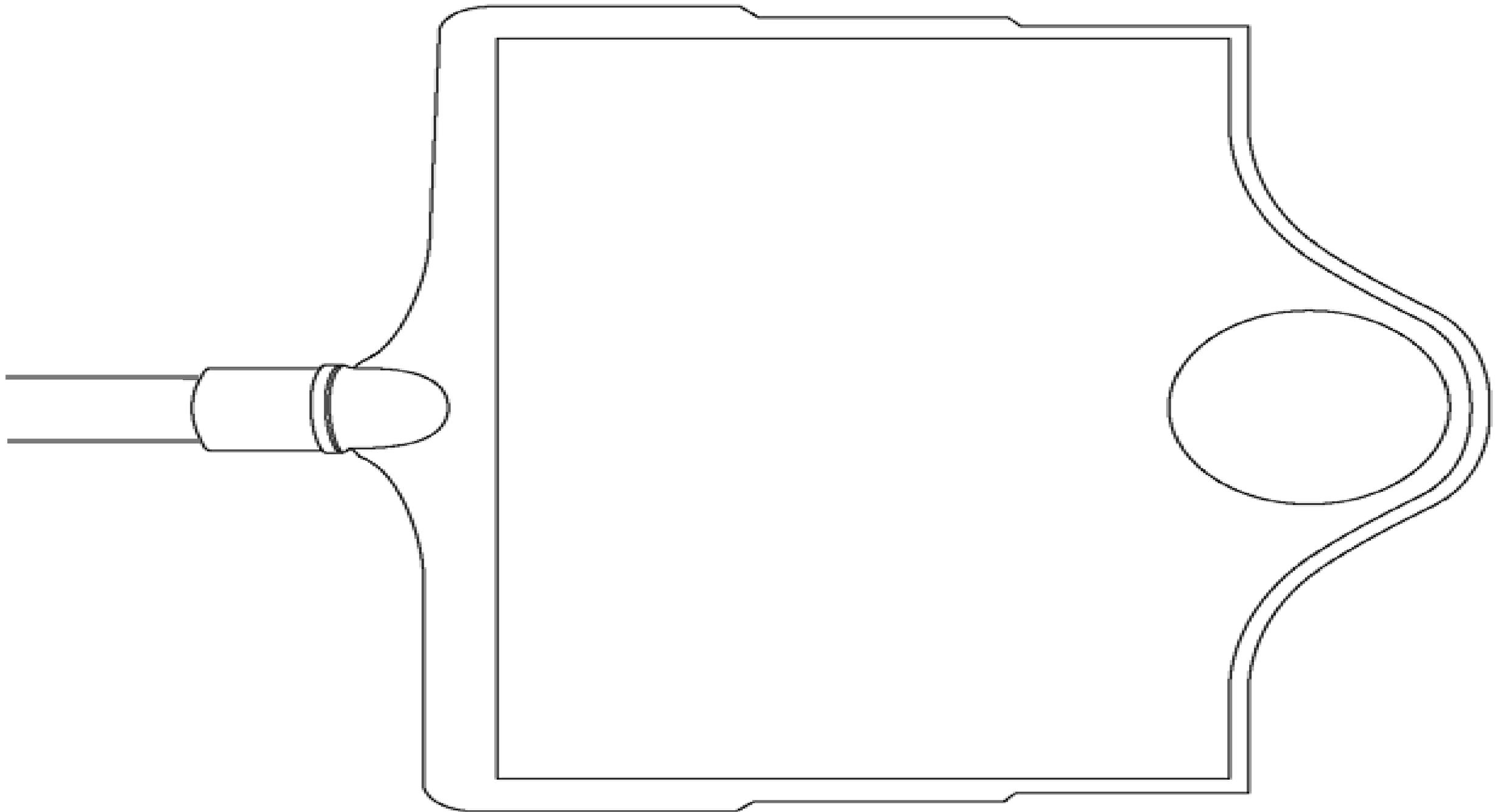
- A colorful cover.
- At least THREE items that represent the leaders (NINE items total).
- A written description of each item's significance to Latin America's history (NINE notecards).

# Historical Marker

Create a historical marker for one of the Independence Leaders that could be placed in the country that he liberated from European rule.

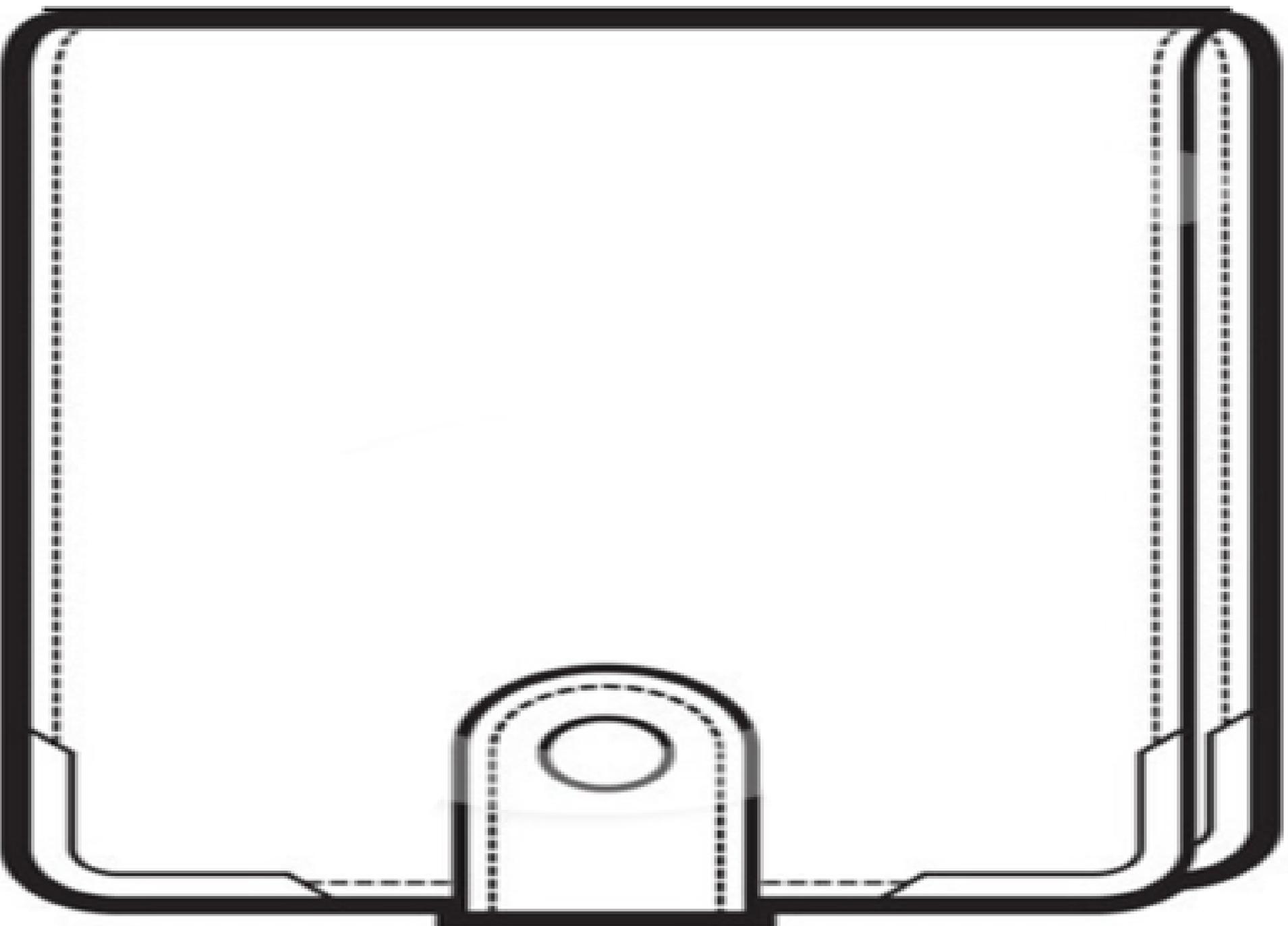
## INCLUDE:

1. Facts about what the leader accomplished.
2. Where it's located and why.
3. An image that depicts what the leader accomplished.



# What's in Your Wallet?

**Directions:** Uh oh! One of the historical figures that we are currently studying has lost his wallet! Help him find it by creating a "Lost Wallet" poster that includes a picture of the item and why it is significant to his life.



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Hidalgo

Bolivar

L'Ouverture

# Who Am I?

The country of Bolivia was  
named in my honor.

I Am...

Simon Bolivar

# Who Am I?

I am known as the father of  
Mexican independence.

I Am...

Miguel Hidalgo

# Who Am I?

I was able to end Spanish  
rule in much of South  
America.

I Am...

Simon Bolivar

# Who Am I?

I am a wealthy Venezuelan  
who was educated in Spain.

I Am...

Simon Bolivar

# Who Am I?

My job in Mexico was a  
priest.

I Am...

Miguel Hidalgo

# Who Am I?

I was imprisoned in France.

I Am...

Toussaint L'Ouverture

# Who Am I?

I helped citizens gain  
independence in Haiti.

I Am...

Toussaint L'Ouverture

# Who Am I?

When I rang my church bell,  
it was the signal for the  
beginning of the revolution.

I Am...

Miguel Hidalgo

# Who Am I?

Colombia, Ecuador, Panama,  
Peru, and Venezuela won  
their independence through  
my efforts.

I Am...

Simon Bolivar

# Who Am I?

I am former slave who was  
self educated.

I Am...

Toussaint L'Ouverture

# Who Am I?

I did not live to see my  
country gain independence.

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I Am...

Miguel Hidalgo & Toussaint  
L'Ouverture

# Who Am I?

My nickname is  
“El Libertador”.

I Am...

Simon Bolivar