

Independence Movements in Latin America

Mexico gained its independence from Spain on Sept. 16, 1810. Father Miguel Hidalgo was the leader of the insurrection.

Encouraged by the American and French revolutions, the people in South America wanted to fight for independence. From 1810 to 1825 two generals led wars for independence. General Simon Bolivar helped free northern South America and General Jose de San Martin was responsible for defeating Spanish forces in the south.