**El Grito de Dolores  
The Cry of Dolores**

On September 16,1810 Father Miguel Hidalgo issued a call for freedom from Spain. In his call, or grito, Father Hidalgo made an appeal for the people to rise up. Father Hidalgo is known as the father of Mexican Independence. He said:

**“My friends and countrymen: neither the king nor tributes exist for us any longer. We have borne this shameful tax, which only suits slaves, for three centuries as a sign of tyranny and servitude; [a] terrible stain which we shall know how to wash away with our efforts. The moment of our freedom has arrived, the hour of our liberty has struck; and if you recognized its great value, you will help me defend it from the ambitious grasp of the tyrants. Only a few hours remain before you see me at the head of the men who take pride in being free. I invite you to fulfill this obligation. And so without a patria nor liberty we shall always be at a great distance from true happiness. It has been imperative to take this step as now you know, and to begin this has been necessary. The cause is holy and God will protect it. My Children: A new dispensation [order of things] comes to us today. Will you receive it? Will you free yourselves? Will you recover the land stolen 300 years ago from your forefathers?... We must act at once… Will you not defend your religion and your rights as true patriots? Long live our Lady of Guadalupe! Death to bad government! Death to the Peninsulares!**

**Long live religion!**

**Long live the Americas and death to the corrupt government!**

**Mexicanos, Viva México!"**

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**Using the speech made by Father Miguel Hidalgo, answer the following questions.**

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1. **What is the purpose of Hidalgo’s speech? What is Hidalgo asking the people to do?**
2. **What are three reasons that Hidalgo gives for the people to rise up against the Spanish government?**
3. **What does Hidalgo mean by saying “neither the king nor tributes exist for us any longer?”**
4. **On line 7, who is Hidalgo referring to as Tyrants?**
5. **Why does Hidalgo want death to the Peninsulares?**
6. **At the time that Hidalgo made this speech, it was a very bold statement to say: “Mexicanos, Viva Mexico!” Why do you think this was such a bold statement at the time?**
7. **Do you think Hidalgo’s speech was effective? Do you think that what he said was good enough to motivate people to the cause? Why or why not?**
8. **What could Hidalgo have added to his speech to make it more successful to the cause?**