

Kyler wrote the following essay about Santa Anna. Read the essay and think about any revisions that should be made. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

Santa Anna, A Complicated Story

1) Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was loved and hated by many.

2) His military career alone is difficult to understand. 3) For example, he joined the military at 16. 4) At first glance it might seem as though he wanted to join the Spanish army to make his father, a former military officer, proud. 5) However, he joined against his parents' wishes. 6) They wanted him to work in business and have an easier, safer life.

7) His behavior in the Spanish army is even more confusing to many. 8) When the Mexican Revolution began, Santa Anna continued to fight in the Spanish army against the Mexican revolutionaries. 9) Then, even though he had been fighting for the Spanish, he switched sides and started fighting with the Mexicans to win independence from Spain when he realized he would be in a better position if the Mexico won. 10) For many people, this lack of loyalty is bewildering.

11) After Mexico won its independence from Spain, Santa Anna eventually became president. 12) His political career is no less perplexing. 13) Over the course of his life, the people who loved him made him president or dictator eleven times. 14) However, there were many people who hated him. 15) He was exiled, or kicked out, of Mexico for a total of twenty years.

16) The first time Santa Anna made himself dictator, the people of Texas didn't take it very well. 17) Soon, Santa Anna had a revolution on his hands and decided to load up his army and headed to Texas to straighten things out. 18) His treatment of his own army is baffling to some.

19) When Santa Anna headed to Texas, he took his entire army with him. 20) Wanting to totally crush and humiliate the Texas army, he also forced men along the way to join. 21)

Many of the men who were forced to join the Mexican army marched all the way to Texas without shoes, coats, and weapons. 22) Many people in his army went hungry and died.

23) Santa Anna on the other hand, brought his China dishes, personal chef, and fighting roosters. 24) He also brought along a silver chamber pot. 25) A lot of Texas people made fun of Santa Anna after the war because it seemed like such a ridiculous thing to spend so much money on something you used as a toilet.

26) You would think that Santa Anna would have realized this situation. He either didn't notice or didn't care. 27) Either response is mind-boggling.

28) Maybe it would be easier to just think of Santa Anna as a pure villain. 29) This would surely make his actions less confusing. 30) However, Santa Anna wasn't all bad. 31) For example, he legally adopted a Texas soldier and raised him as his own son after the thirteen year old boy was captured after the failed Mier Expedition. 32) John Christopher Columbus Hill was treated well by Santa Anna even paid for John's college. 33) Santa Anna also accidentally gave an American an idea for chewing gum.

34) Maybe we will never understand all the reasons why Santa Anna did some of the things he did. 35) One thing we do know, without Santa Anna, Texas would not be what it is today.

1. Kyler would like to add a detail to paragraph six (sentences 23-25). Where would be the best place to add the following detail?

A chamber pot was used much as we would use a toilet today.

- A. After sentence 22
- B. After sentence 23
- C. After sentence 24
- D. After sentence 25

2. Kyler would like to add a topic sentence to his essay after sentence 1. Which of the following sentences should Kyler add to best state the central idea of the essay?

- A. Santa Anna didn't take very good care of the soldiers in his army.
- B. The villain of the Texas Revolution was a complicated man who is often difficult to understand.
- C. Santa Anna did some good things for people, like adopting a boy and helping to invent gum.
- D. Santa Anna's behavior while in the Spanish army was very confusing.

3. Which of the following sentences should Kyler delete from the essay?

- A. Sentence 33
- B. Sentence 28
- C. Sentence 7
- D. Sentence 2

4. What would be the best transition to add to the beginning of sentence 15?

- A. However
- B. Meanwhile
- C. As a result
- D. First of all

5. What is the most effective revision for sentence 32?

- A. John Christopher Columbus Hill was treated well and even paid for college by Santa Anna.
- B. John Christopher Columbus Hill even paid for college since he was treated well by Santa Anna.
- C. John Christopher Columbus Hill was treated well by Santa Anna he even paid for college.
- D. John Christopher Columbus Hill was treated well by Santa Anna. He even paid for John's college.

Here are some interesting websites for more information and some photos to show your class.

<https://www.history.com/news/6-things-you-may-not-know-about-santa-anna>

<https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fsa29>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_L%C3%B3pez_de_Santa_Ana

<https://historybecauseitshere.weebly.com/general-santa-anna-chicle-and-chewing-gum.html>

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/the-culture/santa-annas-chamber-pot/>

Answer Key:

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. D