Handout: Key terms and individuals (Mexico)

Porfirio Díaz  
Dictator overthrown in Revolution

Porfiriato  
Dictatorship under Porfirio Díaz, 1877-1910

Francisco Madero  
Wealthy liberal landowner who leads campaign against Díaz

Victoriano Huerta  
Reactionary general; overthrows Madero in 1913

Emiliano Zapata  
Revolutionary general; symbol of Indian resistance and desire for land reform in southern Mexico

Francisco ("Pancho") Villa  
Revolutionary general from northern Mexico; favored radical measures

Venustiano Carranza  
Revolutionary general; leader of Constitutionalists; defeats Villa and Zapata; overthrown by Obregón in 1920

Alvaro Obregón  
Revolutionary general; strongman, 1920-28

Plutarcho Elías Calles  
Constitutionalist general; founder of PNR; behind-the-scenes strongman, 1928-1934

Lázaro Cárdenas  
Constitutionalist general; President 1934-40; founder of PRM

Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas  
Son of Lázaro Cárdenas; presidential candidate, 1988, 1994, and 2000; founder of PRD

Carlos Salinas  
President, 1988-1994; architect of sweeping political and economic reform

Ernesto Zedillo  
President, 1994-2000; favored neoliberal economic policies and democratization

Caciques  
Local bosses affiliated with the ruling party

Camarillas  
Factions within the ruling party

PNR  
National Revolutionary Party

PMR  
Party of the Mexican Revolution (successor of PNR)

PRI  
Revolutionary Institutional Party (successor of PMR)

PRD  
Party of the Democratic Revolution; principal leftist opposition party

PAN  
National Action Party; principal conservative opposition party