Mexico

Became independent from Spain in 1821, and a republic in 1823.

Santa Anna

5-time President began liberal, but became very conservative, and overthrown in 1855 by a group led by Benito Juárez. U.S. Govt. supports Juárez and he wins the Civil War.

'Pancho' Villa

Supported Madero (Diaz's opponent) and his reforms. Pancho captured the city of Juárez in 1911.

Carranza

Declares himself President not supported by Villa or Zapata. The U.S. recognizes him as President. Creates a new constitution.

Philippines

After the Spanish American War, U.S. made the Philippines a U.S. colony. Didn't gain independence until 1946 from the U.S.

Panama Canal

A U.S. effort to build a canal between the Gulf of Mexico (Atlantic) and the Pacific Ocean. The canal shortened the voyage from New York to San Francisco by 8,000 miles.

Diaz

Ruled with an iron fist. Wanted to modernize Mexico. Wealth was in foreign investors and a few wealthy Mexican elite. Imprisoned his opponent in 1910 elections. Two opposition leaders rose up to fight against the Diaz regime.

Zapata

Supported Madero but grew unsatisfied with the slow process of land reforms. Took land from wealthy and gave it to the poor.