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**On-line Resources:**

Dr. Deni Seymour’s Anza Expedition Video*.* <https://youtube/mardW_Q9RIY>

Gaspar de Portola Expedition Diary (1769-70) <https://webdeanza.org>/portdiary

Anza’s Diaries (Jan – May 1774 and Oct. 1775 – May 1776) <https://webdeanza.org>

National Park Service website of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. <https://www.nps.gov/juba/index.htm>

Anza Trail Coalition of Arizona website: <http://www.anzatrail.org/>

Descendants of early California settlers include Anza’s 1775-76 expedition: [https://loscaliforianos.org](https://loscaliforianos.org/)

YouTube: *Los Cenzontes – El Corrido de Anza*. Narrative in the form of a ballad.

Finding Anza’s Burial Site: 1963 PBS video “Mother of Destiny. Arizpe, Mexico” https;// diva.sfsu.edu/189963

Update on the above story: <https://kjzz.org/content/10995>

Burial sites of Anza colonizers: <https://findagrave.com/777490>

Interactive map: [www.anzahistorictrail.org/visit/explore](http://www.anzahistorictrail.org/visit/explore)

Los Californios Video: [www.pbs.org/video/sandiego-historic-places-thecalfornios/](http://www.pbs.org/video/sandiego-historic-places-thecalfornios/)

Explanation of Spanish caste system: www.indigenousmexico.org/articles/understanding-the-mexican-casta-system/

YouTube: How a 16th Century Explorer’s Sailing Ship Works

***Is it New Spain or is it Mexico?***

The name Mexico is a Nahuatl (language spoken by the Aztec) term derived from the words *metztl* (moon), *xictli* (naval or center) and *co* (place). Mexico’s name, therefore, means – the place in the center of the moon – and refers to the fact that the Aztecs built their capital, Tenochtitlan in the middle of the lake of the Moon (later called Lake Texcoco)

According to University of Arizona Associate Professor of History, Kevin Gosner, In the 18th Century the name Mexico referred to the city, not to the country. Residents would not have said they live in Mexico, until sometime well after independence in the nineteenth century. During Anza’s time residents likely would have said they live in New Spain, but only after indicating the pueblo and province in which they reside.

Glossary

*Californio*: Hispanic Californians descended from Spanish and Mexican settlers of the 17th through 19th centuries.

*League*: Unit of linear measurement equal to +/- 2.6 miles.

*Parajes:*  Campsite.

*Presidio*: Military installation or garrison.

*Manila Galleon*: Annual trans-Pacific trade vessels from Asia to New Spain. Operated from 1565 to 1815.

*Vaquero*: Cowboy

*Yerba Buena:* Good Herb commonly known as Peppermint or Mint. Name of original 1776 settlement at San Francisco Bay

*Atole*

A thick hot drink used as a staple by missionaries and their neophytes, colonists and soldiers.

Recipe

Mix:

1 cup – corn flour (masa) can also use *pinole.*

2 cups – cold water

Pinch of salt

Add 2 cups boiling water

Cook it, oh so slowly for 1 hour

There are many ways to make Atole:

For plain Atole, serve as is.

For spicy Atole, add a little chili.

For fruit Atole, add fresh fruit.

For sweet Atole, add brown sugar & cinnamon

For chocolate Atole, add cinnamon, sugar and grated Mexican chocolate.

A group of people in a desert

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