

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Article VIII

FOCAL TEXT:

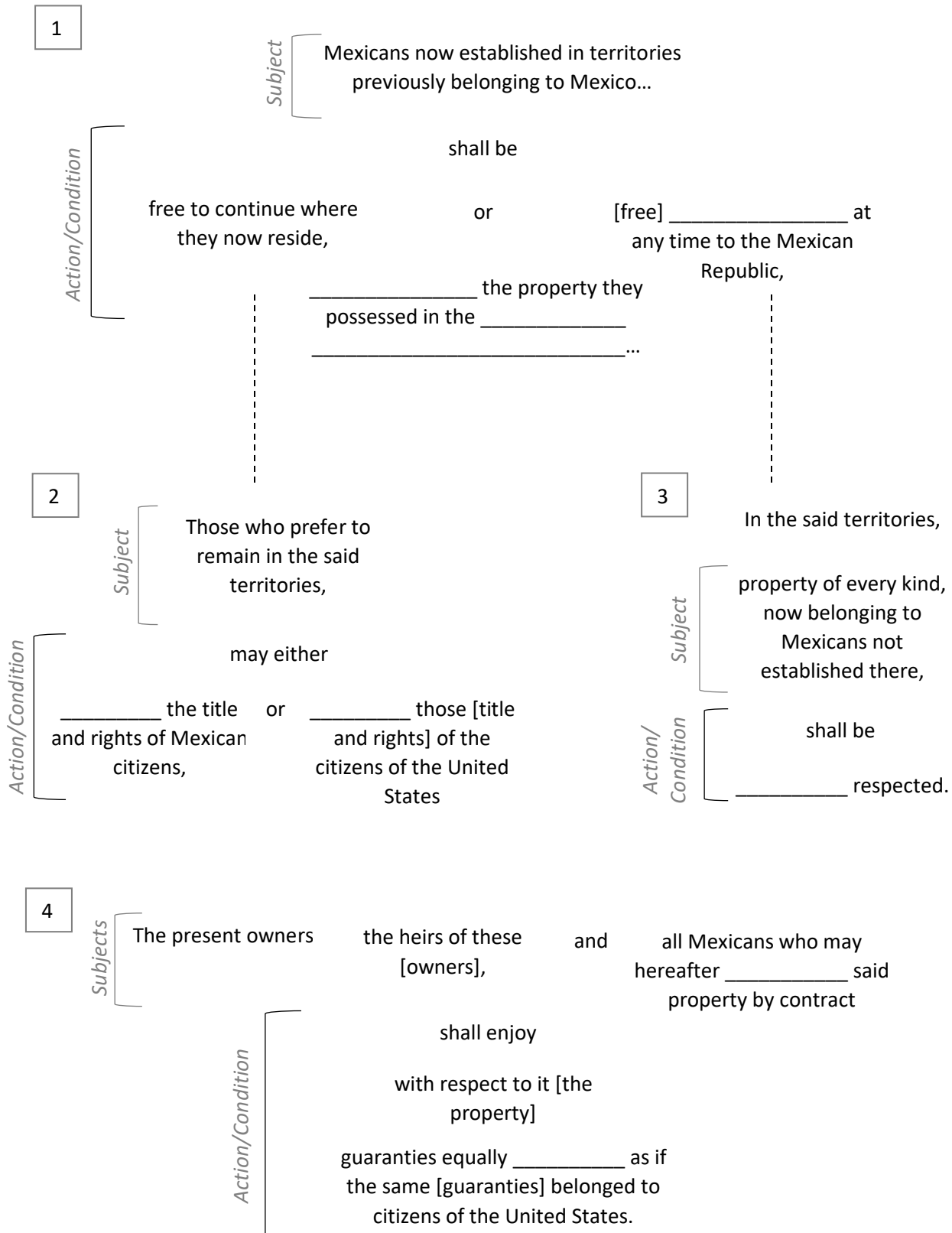
“Mexicans now established in territories previously belonging to Mexico ... shall be free to continue where they now reside, or to remove at any time to the Mexican republic, retaining the property which they possess in the said territories ...

Those who shall prefer to remain in the said territories, may either retain the title and rights of Mexican citizens, or acquire those of citizens of the United States ...

In the said territories, property of every kind, now belonging to Mexicans not established there, shall be inviolably respected. The present owners, the heirs of these, and all Mexicans who may hereafter acquire said property by contract, shall enjoy with respect to it guaranties equally ample as if the same belonged to citizens of the United States.”

Student Handout 2 - Organizing Visually

Directions: Notice how the visual representation below can help to make clear how the pieces of the sentences in Article VIII work together. (Brackets [] represent words that are not explicitly stated in the original text, but that are implied.) Use the original text to fill in the blanks with important vocabulary words.



Student Handout 3 - Analyzing Language

Directions: Use your prior knowledge, context clues from the treaty, and, if needed, a dictionary or your peers to define the following words in the context of this treaty.

remove:

said (as in “said territories” or “said property”):

retain:

acquire:

inviolably:

ample:

Summarizing Meaning

Directions: Now that you’ve spent some time looking at the parts of this text, put them back together by summarizing the main point of each section in your own words.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Reacting to the Text

What do you think of the promises made in the treaty? How do you expect they played out? Why?
