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Lesson Plan

Session 1	Pre-Columbian Mexico, 1500 BCE 1500 CE	- Mesoamerica in all its glory, from the pyramids of Teotihuacan, Palenque, Chichen Itza to to the Aztec Empire
Session 2	Colliding Worlds of Spanish Invasion and Conquest (1500-1550)	- The March of Cortes and the fall of Tenochtitlan, and the birth of “New Spain” from the ashes of indigenous culture
Session 3	Colony of New Spain (1550-1760)	- Power, privilege, honor, and gender, as well as indigenous resistance.
Session 4	Reform, Independence and The Trials of Nationhood (1760-1855)	- Spain falters and the creoles rise up. Revolution and the chaos that followed.
Session 5	Liberals, Conservatives, Caudillos and Modernization (1855—1910)	- Struggle and strong-arm tactics, power consolidates and crumbles while a nation stumbles into the 20 th century
Session 6	Political and Cultural Revolution (1910-1940)	- From Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata to Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, revolution is in the air.
Session 7	Faltering Democracy, Flourishing Culture (1940-2000)	- Modernization and urban growth create crisis and opportunity.
Session 8	21 st Century Themes: Hope and Fear	- Mexico in the era of drug lords and economic growth. Where now?

Other recommended readings for those who want to learn more:

The Course of Mexican History, Tenth Edition. Meyer, Sherman, and Deeds. Oxford University Press, 2014.