

Appendix: Political Transition in Mexico

Handout: Key terms and individuals (Mexico)

<i>Porfirio Díaz</i>	<i>Dictator overthrown in Revolution</i>
<i>Porfiriato</i>	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
Plutarco 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
<i>Caciques</i>	Local bosses affiliated with the ruling party
<i>Camarillas</i>	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