

P E R A L T A

HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK

Vocabulary for Peralta Rancho Life Program

Adobesun dried bricks of adobe clay	Muchacha ... girl
Alcade mayor	Muchacho ... boy
Alta (o) high or upper	Mujerwoman
Amigo (a) friend	Mulato European and African person
Bailarto dance	Niñalittle girl
Baja lower	Niño little boy
Buena (o) good	Nixtamal hominy, used to make masa
Burrodonkey	Noche night
Caballo horse	Ojas corn husks or leaves
Caballerohorseman, Californio gentleman	Padre father, priest
Cabo de la escolta ...corporal of the guard	Palominodove colored horse, popular with rancheros
Californio settlers of New Spain's last colony, Alta California	Peladores animal skimmers
Casahouse	Piedra de molcajete ...pestle
Comida meal, dinner	Pimaria Alta ...upper lands of the Pima people
Corral pen for cattle or horses	Pinto spotted horse
Criolloa Spanish person born in the Kingdom of New Spain	Pobladorcitizen, settler
Don Sir or Lord	Presidio military location, fort
DoñaMadam or Lady	Provincias Internas ...northernmost part of the Kingdom of New Spain
El Camino RealThe King's Highway, which linked the missions	Pueblo town
Fandangoreally big fiesta	Pulga flea
Fiesta party or celebration	Ramada shelter made of tree branches
Fierro range brand on hip of cattle	Ranchería ... where Indian workers on a ranch lived
Fronterafrontier or border	Rancho ranch
Hacienda large ranch and/or farm	Reina Queen
Hermana sister	Rey King
Hermano brother	Rio river
Hombre man	Rodeo round-up of cattle
Indio Indian	San male saint
La riata rawhide or horsehair lariat	Santa female saint
Lassoto rope an animal	Silla de montar ...saddle
Madremother	Sombrero big brim hat
Mano y metate ...tool for grinding grains	Tuna prickly pear cactus
Masa de maízcornmeal dough	Vaca cow
Matanza roundup and slaughter of cattle	Vaquerocowboy
Mayordomo ...man who runs the rancho	Viva hurrah, live
Mesatable	
MestizoEuropean and Indian person	
Molcajetemortar (and pestle)	
Montar to ride horseback	