



# El Presidio de Santa Bárbara

## State Historic Park

Programs Department



### Post-visit Activity – Fill in the Blank

Fill in the missing words.

\_\_\_\_\_ started it all in 1492 and by 1519 \_\_\_\_\_ had claimed much of present day Mexico for \_\_\_\_\_. In 1592 \_\_\_\_\_ was sent to explore and chart the California Coast. There was no further expansion of this Coast until 1620 when the Spanish were sending trading ships from the west coast of New Spain to the \_\_\_\_\_ and back.

While England and France were colonizing the east coast of America, Spain was building forts (presidios) for defense, missions to Christianize the natives, and pueblos to settle their land. Spain began to worry that other countries such as England or \_\_\_\_\_ would claim California.

A group led by \_\_\_\_\_ (a soldier to guard) and Father \_\_\_\_\_ (to start the missions) started for Alta California in 1769. They arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ and began to build the first Alta California \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. This started the Spanish colonization of Alta California. Eventually there were three more presidios and 20 more missions.

Word came to King \_\_\_\_\_ III that the last presidio in Alta California was dedicated on April 21, 1782 as El Presidio de

#### **Names used on worksheet:**

<b>Carlos</b>	<b>Portola</b>
<b>Cabrillo</b>	<b>Presidio</b>
<b>Columbus</b>	<b>Russia</b>
<b>Cortez</b>	<b>San Diego</b>
<b>Mission</b>	<b>Serra</b>
<b>Orient</b>	<b>Spain</b>