New Spain
Social Hierarchy
Notes 3-1
Caste System

- Caste system based on race, no way to move up in levels
- All non-Peninsulares are socially and legally inferior
Caste System

- In 1821 the caste system was abolished, on paper, when Mexico gained Independence from Spain
Caste System

PENINSULARES
(Spaniards born in Spain)

CREOLES
(born in New Spain of Spanish parents)

MESTIZOS
(born of Spanish and Native American Indian parents)

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS

ENSLAVED PERSONS
(brought from Africa and the Caribbean)