

**THE NINETEENTH CENTURY PHILIPPINE ECONOMY,  
SOCIETY, AND THE CHINESE MESTIZOS**

**Activity #1:**  
Summative Activity

Create a worksheet containing the table illustrated below. Write the changes and developments that were felt in the nineteenth-century Philippines. After listing the changes, plot them within Rizal's biography and write each aspect you think had a direct or indirect impact on Rizal while citing events in his life.

	Change and Development	Relation to Rizal's Life
<b>Economic</b>	During the Spanish rule, the Galleon Trade was the primary economic institution present in the Philippines. The Philippines, as an agricultural powerhouse, transformed	
<b>Political</b>	Liberalism impact of the Bourbon reforms Cadiz constitution	
<b>Socio-cultural</b>	The booming economy during the nineteenth century paved the way for the rise of Chinese mestizos who were products of intermarriages with <i>indios</i> . They influenced the economy by	

**Activity #2:**

Life in a Cigar Factory

**1. What can you say about the conditions of the *cigarreras* in Manila?**

The *cigarreras* in Manila suffered from a poor working condition mainly due to the abuses and maltreatment of the soldiers.

**2. What do these excerpts reveal about the life in nineteenth century Manila?**

Life in the nineteenth century Manila was greatly affected by the economic changes and development.

**3. How can these excerpts be related to a discussion about the situation of women in nineteenth century Manila?**

During the pre-hispanic era, women were empowered and respected in the society as exemplified through the role of Babaylans. As the Spaniards came to rule the land, women were confined inside their homes and became objects of suppression. The colonizers also introduced the stereotypical image of women who should be submissive to men, establishing a patriarchal society. However, due to the economic changes and development in the nineteenth century, women in Manila were given an opportunity to play an economic role in the society. This did not technically free them from discrimination as there were still reported cases of abuses.

### **AGRARIAN DISPUTES**

#### **Activity #1:**

##### **Tenant Grievances and Rizal's Petition**

Provide the required information on the given spaces.

**1. Type of document (Encircle the letter that corresponds to your answer.)**

- a. Newspaper
- b. Letter
- c. Map
- d. Report
- e. Diary
- f. Others; please specify: Petition

**2. Date of the document:** January 1888

**3. Author of the document:** Dr. Jose Rizal

**4. Who is the audience of this document?**

This petition is specifically targeted to the government of Manila and Madrid.

**5. List three things in the document that are important:**

Dominican orders comprised not only the lands but also the town of Calamba. Although the tax imposed by the Dominican friars on the Filipinos continued to increase, the tax liabilities they pay to the government remain the same, thus, increasing their profits. Also, hacienda owners never contributed a single centavo for town fiestas, and education of the children and improvement of agriculture. Lastly, the hacienda management confiscated their carabaos, tools, and homes if rentals could not be paid.

**6. Why was this document written? Cite pieces of evidence in the document that support your answer.**

The document was written to express the grievances of the Filipino against the Dominican friars and attempt to appeal to the court about the abuses of these hacienderos. This was exemplified as Rizal enumerated and discussed the

**7. List two things that tell you about life in the Philippines at the same time the document was written.**

The development in the agricultural sector was taken advantage by the colonizers, especially the friars. Agrarian disputes became one of the pressing socio-economic problems at that time. Farmers faced unjust land confiscation, unreasonable increases of rentals by hacienda owners imposed against their tenant, and providing lands for the landless direct tillers. Some were also evicted from their lands. In turn, the peasants actively expressed their concerns to the government however, it was eventually ignored. This gave them enough reasons

**8. Write a question to the author that is not answered by the document.**

Yes, the supporters

**Activity #2:**

**Writing a Petition**

**Choose one issue prevalent in the society today. You may pick from the list provided below or propose one of your own. If you choose an issue that is not listed, please get you teacher's approval.**

**Write a petition to the president of the Philippines expressing and defending your ideas regarding this issue.**

Yes, the debates on the Rizal Law