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GECLIF Module #1

Activity #1

1.) What is Rizal's main message in the letter?

Upon reading Rizal's letter to Mariano Ponce I can feel Rizal's goal to avenge. He said that if the Cavite mutiny wasn't able to happen in 1872, nationalism won't arise to Filipinos. He wanted justice to be served especially to the Spanish government who violated the rights and empowered the Filipino citizens. With the abuse that the Spanish government has given to his countrymen, he wanted them to pay. He wanted them to be imprisoned, executed, to banish and to suffer. His letter was also like giving a promise that on the right time justice will be served.

2.) Give two lines in Rizal's letter that supports his main message.

Here are some lines in the letter that supported Rizal's message:

"and I swore to devote myself to avenge one day so many victims, and with this idea in mind I have been studying and this can be read in all my works and writings" and "May they commit abuses, let there be imprisonment, banishment, executions, good".

3.) In reading Rizal's letter what can you say about the 19th century?

With this letter from Rizal I can tell that Spanish government ruled the country on the 19th century. They were violating the rights of my countrymen like letting them work a lot and imposing taxes that would be deducted to their salary. I have learned that Filipino people then were blind, deaf and martyrs. They were afraid of the

Spanish government because they have the authority and power. They were afraid to fight against the not until 1872 happened and the garrote of GOMBURZA. With that, some of them took part to rise amidst fear. With that my fellow country men gained bravery and nationalism arouse in them.

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GECLIF Module #2

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1.) What are the aims of the newspaper, La Solidaridad?

La Solidaridad aims to increase Spanish awareness of the needs of its colony, the Philippines, and to propagate a closer relationship between the Philippines and Spain. They aim to write articles that can caught the attention of Spanish leaders and ministers.

2.) What are the ill effects of “theocracy” and “conservatism” ?

A theocracy is a government that is a god or deity is considered the supreme ruler. In other words, they are religion over all. Conservatism is the domination of society by an aristocracy. This on I think has a great role that contribute the ill effect in our society. First, I think that Spaniards are using the fear of God to impose laws and programs that directly benefit them because of this we can't see any room for changes because they made the society believe that whatever religious doctrine they follow, is the only truth and law. Second, they can implement punishments that are inhumane and cruel towards the citizens just like garrote. Lastly, with theocracy and conservatism people do not have freedom just like what our countrymen has experienced during the Spanish period.

3.) What does the article tell you about 19th century Philippines?

Upon reading this article I can tell how Spaniards dominated our country and how they ruled. It really breaks my heart knowing how inhumane they were especially with the punishments imposed to my fellow countrymen. But because of that we can see that bravery within Filipinos arouse inspite of

fear. The reason why La Solidaridad was made to let everyone know what is happening in our society then.

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