

Foreign Intervention in Spanish America

The Great Summary

- Napoleon's invasion of Spain on February 16, 1808 caused Britain to ally with Spain
- Prompts support for the Peninsular War in Europe
- Left Venezuela defenseless-no longer supported by Britain or the United States



PATRIOTISM

- Simon Bolivar, a Venezuelan political and military leader lead the fight for independence
- North Americans supported Spanish American patriots
- The government however did not



Simón Bolívar (1783-1830)

-A Venezuelan, South American military leader

-Led British patriots to revolt against Spain



Supporting Patriots

- Patriots were helped by Haitian president Alexandre Pétion
- They had given money, weapons, and helpers
- Venezuela had become independent in 1811



The British Legion

The legions worked in the Vargas Swamp Battle (July 25 1819)

German and Napoleon War veterans

In March 1819, James Rooke commanded 250 men

These soldiers, with Bolívar, saved Venezuela.

