

1. Read the following text:

History of Chascomús

The city was founded as a fort (the *Fortín de San Juan Bautista*) on May 30, 1779, by Captain Pedro Nicolás Escribano, head of the Blandengues Cavalry. The city was the site of an 1839 rebellion against the dictatorial regime of Governor Juan Manuel de Rosas; the uprising, known as the *Libres del Sur* ("Freemen of the South") ended in defeat following a battle on November 7. The Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway line arrived at the town in 1865, and Chascomús was recognized as a city and department by the Provincial Legislature in 1873.

The Other Side of the Story

The Araucanos indigenous people were here long before the white man arrived and baptized them. This area with its lagoons offered them perfect conditions for hunting and fishing. In 1779, on the cliffs overlooking the shores of the Indiana Lagoon the new fort is built, 30 May, founded by Captain de Blandengues Pedro Nicolas Escribano and called Fuerte San Juan Bautista de Chascomus. This is the place where today sits the superb municipal palace. The frontier and military guard quickly becomes a municipality and Echeverria called it "city of rich landowners".

In 1839 a bloody battle took place here between the "Libres del Sur" and Rosas' soldiers; The rebels paid for it with their lives and ruthless persecutions. In 1853 there was a battle on the left shores of the Salado River at the borders of this region, close to the San Gregorio lands which was to become a battle for the making of the Nation. But, during long and prosperous decades of pacific labour, the lands of Chascomus became an empire-like trading centre of modern cattle breeding.

The "Ferrocarril del Sud" Railways arrived here in 1865 and Chascomus became a crucial terminus until the railways network later continued its expansion to the South of the country. Buenos Aires Province Governor Acosta gives Chascomus the title of "City". In the 20th Century, 1938, a new highway number 2 road is built which runs from Buenos Aires to Mar del Plata.

a. Complete the following fact file about Chascomús:

Who founded the city?	
When was it founded?	
Where was it founded?	

b. After reading, choose the correct option:

- i. The **Mapuches/Araucanos/Tehuelches** were here before Escribano arrived.
- ii. In 1839, the **battle/foundation/flood** took place.
- iii. The Libres del Sur battle was against **Araucanos/Rosas' soldiers/ freemen of the south**
- iv. Two crucial transport events were **railway and highway/ highway and harbour/ railway and airport**

2. You are part of a project about the province of Buenos Aires and you have to write a summary about the history of Chascomús.

a. Complete the past form of the following verbs:

found	
be	
take	
arrive	

b. Write a summary about the history of Chascomús using the verbs in activity 2.a.

Pedro Nicolás Escribano founded the city

3. In the project about Chascomús, you have to talk about its notable residents. Choose one and explain his/her relevance for the city.

	Lo hice de manera independiente	Lo hice con ayuda	No lo hice
Lectura y comprensión de un texto informativo			
Uso del pasado simple			
Redacción de un resumen			
Exposición oral			