

MANUEL OROZCO Y BERRA

Engineer, surveyor, politician, linguist and
historian
(Mexico City 1826-1881)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

He is considered one of the most important historians of our country. Although he graduated as a surveyor engineer, he also held various political positions. During the Second Mexican Empire, he was a supporter of Maximilian, who appointed him Undersecretary of Development and Director of the National Museum. In that same period, he presented the emperor with a geography of languages and an ethnographic map of Mexico, and he formed a large cartographic collection that now bears his name. After the triumph of the Juárezist Republic, he was dismissed from his positions and sentenced to four years in prison.

Wrote: *Diccionario Universal de la Historia, Geografía y Biografía / Apuntes para la historia de la geografía en México / Memoria para el plano de la Ciudad de México / Geografía de las lenguas y carta etnográfica de México / Historia antigua y de la conquista de México / Historia de la dominación española en México / Materiales para una cartografía mexicana.*