



Spain's Empire in the Americas

Page 44 - (Spanish Conquistadors / Cortez and Pizarro)

1. Define: *Conquistador* - Soldier adventurers
"Riches, glory"
2. Besides exploring, what else did *these Spaniards* hope to accomplish?
Personal items - rich and famous
3. Even though *Cortez* was a stranger to many of the people he met in Mexico, why was he supported in his attempt to conquer the Aztec Empire?
Early on they thought he was a "god" others supported him because they hated Aztec Rule
4. What happened when the leader of the Aztec (*Montezuma*) offered *Cortez* gold to leave his empire? Explain
Cortez captured him / held him hostage

Page 45 - (Why Spanish Were Victorious)

5. List the reasons the text gives for the defeat of the Aztec and Incan Empires (Hint two are technological)

- a. Technology - armor, muskets, cannons
- b. Natives were divided
- c. Horses

6. Define: *Factor* - important element of something

Page 46 - (Map - Spanish Explorers in North America)

7. Which two Spanish explorers, traveled north as far as the Arkansas River?

Hernando De Soto + Francisco Coronado

8. Based on the map, name two states that have a large Spanish (latino) influence today?

California, Arizona, Florida
New Mexico, Texas

Cortez and Pizarro, because of their obsession with gold destroyed many of the wonderful artifacts created by the Aztec and Inca.

Page 46-47 (Spanish Explorers in North America)

9. Who was the first Spaniard to set foot in the United States? Where did it happen?

Juan Ponce de Leon / Florida

10. Did the Spanish have much success in the exploration (searching for gold) of North America? Why or Why not?

Nope - they looked in Florida + Texas
Some were lied to like De Soto
1492-1502 + 1519-1521 "Pizarro" 1511-1519

Page 47 (Colonizing Spanish America)

- 11. Define: *Plantations* - large farms worked by many laborers
- 12. Define: *Encomiendas* - land grants that included right to demand labor from those who lived on the property
- 13. What happened to Native Americans under this system?
many suffered and died in gold + silver mines and from cruel treatment
- 14. Who was Bartolome de Las Casas? (Don't tell me he was just a priest!) Explain his impact on history.
Travelled from through new Spain worked on reforming treatment of N/A - he spoke out (to the King/Queen)
- 15. Define: *Missions* - religious settlements against the encomienda system.
- 16. List three cities in the United States that started as Missions:
 - a. San Francisco
 - b. San Diego
 - c. San Antonio

Page 48 (Trade In Humans/Society in the Spanish Colonies)

- 17. Where did the Spanish turn when their attempt to use *Native Americans* as labor failed? Explain.
They looked across the Atlantic 4,000 Africans were brought to the Caribbean 2,000 or more continued to be shipped.
- 18. After reading "Society in the Spanish Colonies" complete the diagram.

Rigid system
(little room for movement)

