SPAIN IN AMERICA

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Exploring the Americas

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Main Idea

- In the sixteenth century, Spain established a vast empire in the Americas.
Why did Conquistadors come to America in the 1500’s?

**God**
They wanted to convert Indians to Christianity.

**Gold**
They kept 80% of treasure found in America.

**Glory**
Fame and power for themselves and for Spain.
Spanish Conquest of Aztec & Inca

- Hernan Cortes & 500 conquistadors conquer the Aztec, 1519-1521.
- Tenochtitlan becomes Mexico City.
- Francisco Pizarro & 180 conquistadors conquer the Inca in Peru, 1532.
Pizarro conquers the Inca
Conquistadors had advanced weapons, body armor & horses.

Native Americans sometimes fought amongst themselves.

Native Americans were at first confused by Europeans.

Native Americans had no resistance to European disease.
American Wealth Sent to Spain

Value of gold and silver in millions of pesos

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Juan Ponce de Leon & crew were the first Europeans to reach the mainland of North America.

They searched for the fountain of youth, & other treasure.

Spain established the city of St. Augustine in 1565. It is the oldest European city in America.
Castillo de San Marcos
Saint Augustine, Florida
Cabeza de Vaca & Estevanico walked 1,000 miles through the Southwest.

De Soto explored the west coast of Florida, much of the Southeast & The Mississippi River.

Coronado searched present-day AZ, NM, CO & KS.
Pueblos were trading communities.

Missions were religious communities.

Presidios were military bases to protect missions & pueblos.

Plantations were large farms that used Native American slave labor.
Social Classes in Spanish Colonies

- People born in Spain
- People born in colonies who had Spanish parents
- People born in colonies, who had one Spanish parent and one Native American parent
- Native Americans and African Americans
Las Casas was a Spanish priest argued against cruel treatment of Native Americans.

African slave labor began replacing Native Americans by the mid-1500’s.