

The Spanish Conquest of the Americas

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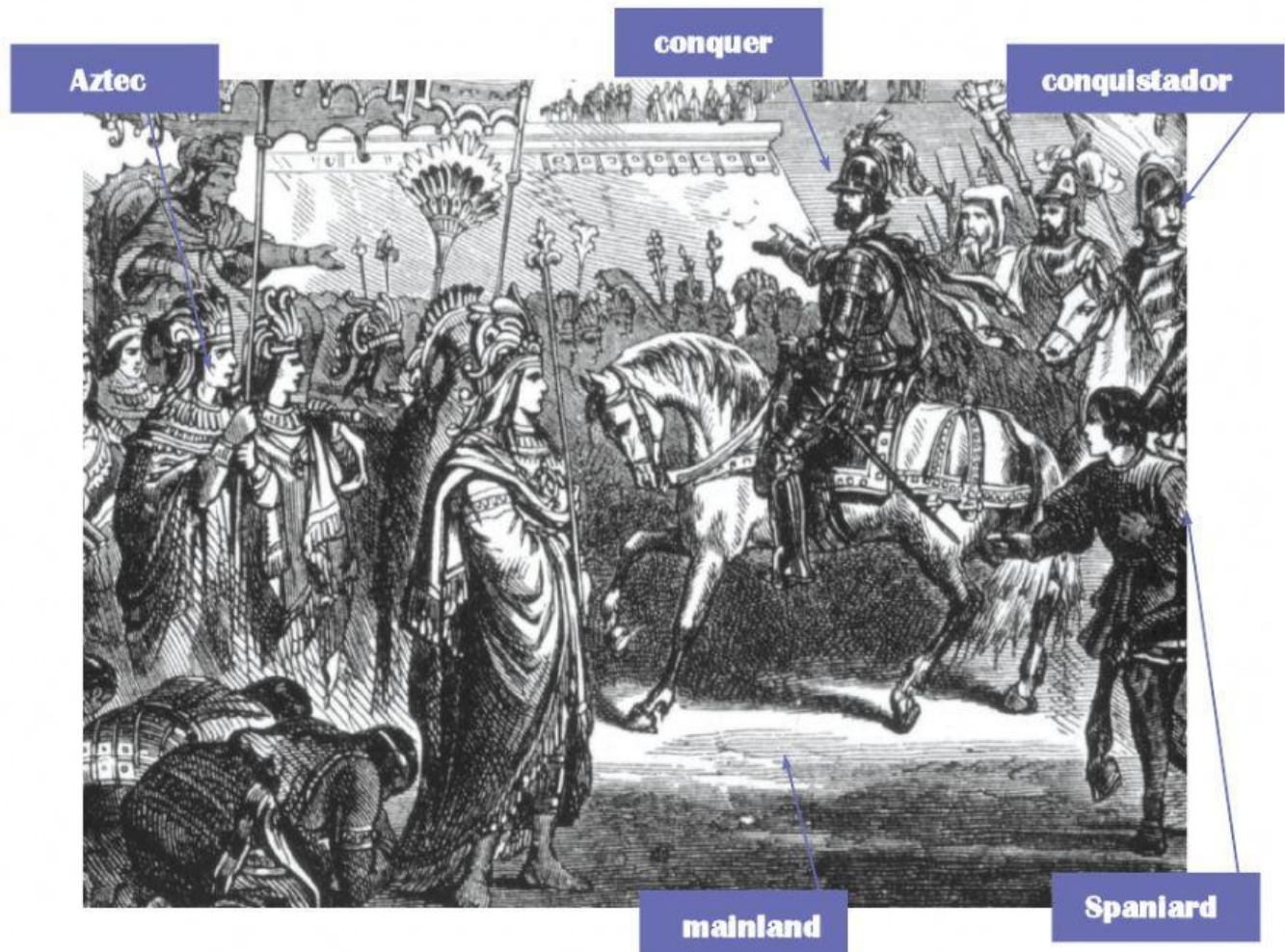
Summary

This worksheet is about how the Spanish traveled to the Americas and the results of this contact.

Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What are people from Spain called?

2. What were the Spanish soldiers called?

3. Who did the Spanish soldiers meet in Mexico?

4. What did the Spanish do when they met these people?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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• a. spices

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• b. Aztec

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• c. explorer

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• d. conquistador

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• e. resentment

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• f. cannon

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• g. vanilla

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• h. avocado

B Write the word for each definition.

disease

wheat

rebel

defeat

belief

1. _____ a grain used to make flour for bread and other food
2. _____ a strong feeling that something is true or real
3. _____ to fight against a person in power
4. _____ an illness
5. _____ to overthrow or beat

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Conquistadors like Cortes and Pizarro wanted to defeat the people and own the land.
a. conquer b. disease c. rebel d. conquistador
2. The Hispanic countries fought for freedom of external control and became republics.
a. republic b. Inca c. independence d. smallpox
3. On his last trip, Columbus discovered the larger portion of land of South America.
a. mainland b. belief c. conquest d. Spaniard
4. People wanted this spicy powder from Asia to make their food taste better.
a. vanilla b. pepper c. avocado d. wheat

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. The people of Europe wanted pepper and other spices to make their lives better.
- b. Many conquistadors wanted money and gold for themselves and their king.
- c. The Aztecs believed the god Quetzalcoatl would return to them.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. What lies between Europe and Asia and between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans?
 - a. A large and long land
 - b. The edge of the world
 - c. Dangerous sea monsters
 - d. All of the above
2. What did the explorers want from the new land?
 - a. To make new discoveries
 - b. To spread religion
 - c. To get rich
 - d. All of the above
3. What did America give to Europe?
 - a. Horses
 - b. Turkeys
 - c. Cannons
 - d. All of the above

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. An Aztec calendar used to tell the passage of time
- b. New goods from America
- c. Lands controlled by the Spanish
- d. A great feeling of resentment toward the Spanish
- e. Smallpox—a disease brought by the Spanish



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ The queen and king of Spain paid for the ships Columbus needed.
2. _____ Columbus first landed in India.
3. _____ Francisco Pizarro wanted gold and silver from the Incas in Peru.
4. _____ The Spanish discovered rice in the Americas.
5. _____ Spain still rules the Hispanic countries in the Americas today.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. _____ came from Asia by land, and they were very expensive.
Spices Avocados
2. The native people in America felt _____ toward the Spaniards.
resentment defeat
3. Amerigo Vespucci was a(n) _____ who traveled along the coast of South America.
conquistador explorer
4. The Spanish brought _____ that killed the native people.
peppers diseases
5. The Hispanic countries won their _____ from Spain in the 19th century.
resentment independence

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Thousands of years ago, some Asians traveled to the Americas.
- b. _____ By the end of the 16th century, Spain ruled the Americas.
- c. _____ Christopher Columbus sailed west in order to find Asia.
- d. _____ The Hispanic countries became independent republics.
- e. _____ Amerigo Vespucci realized he was not in Asia.

After Reading

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>wanted to go as far as possible and find new lands. Nothing stopped them.</p>	<p>Thousands of Spaniards _____</p> <p>to the Americas hoping to get what they wanted.</p>	<p>The Hispanic countries fought for their independence from Spain in the 19th _____.</p>	<p>The Spanish conquistadors explored the Americas from Florida to _____.</p>	<p>Some wanted to become rich, others wanted to spread their _____, and yet others were simply interested in making new _____.</p>

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

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Now I also know _____

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