

The Spanish Conquest of the Americas

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Summary

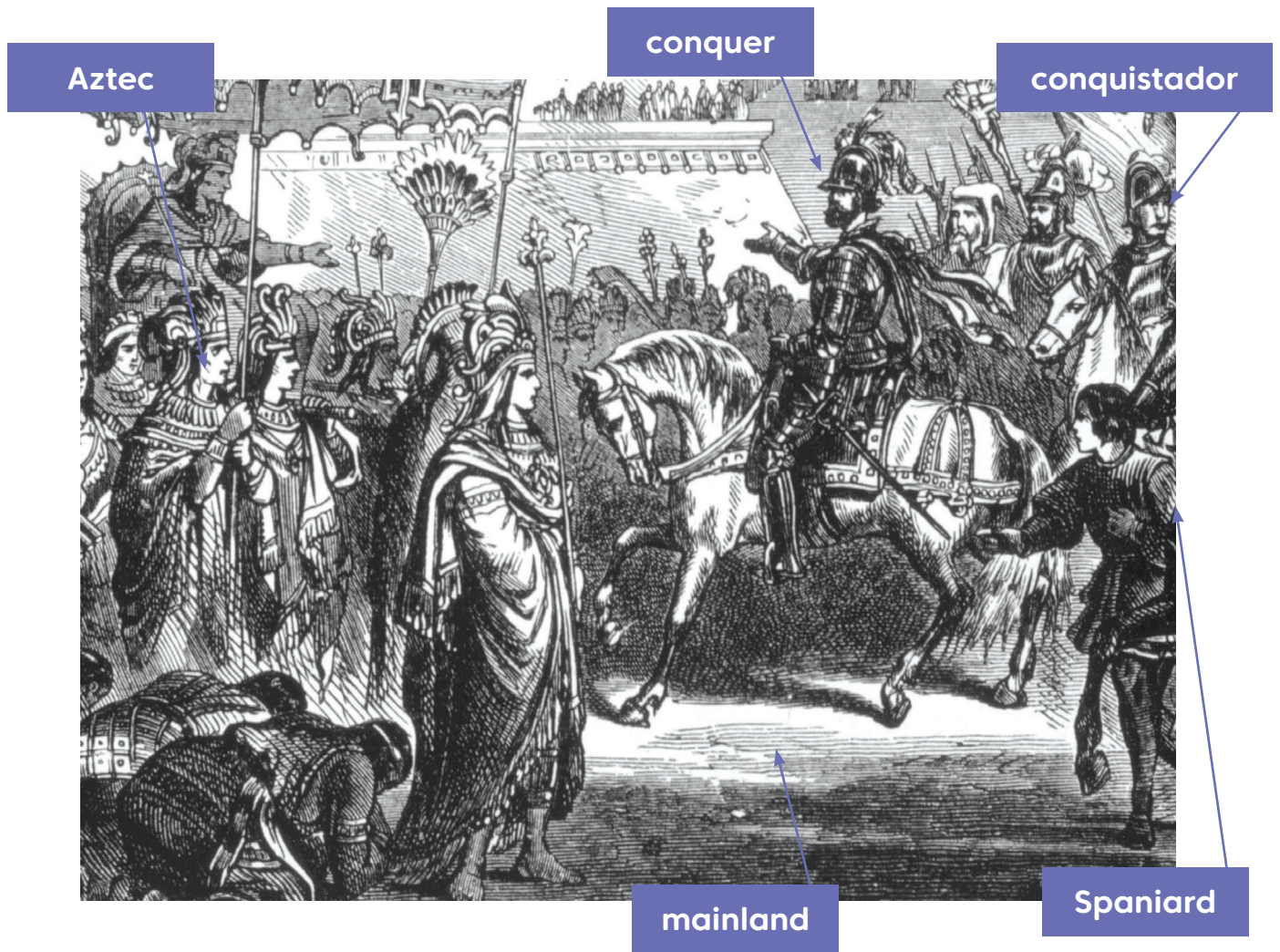
This book is about how the Spanish traveled to the Americas and the results of this contact.

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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.

Think About It

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

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

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

Before I read this book, I knew _____

Now I also know _____
