

**Analyzing Primary Source Documents**

Bartolomé de Las Casas, "Of the Island of Hispaniola" (1542)

1. How does De Las Casas describe Native Americans before the coming of the Spanish?

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2. Describe the treatment given to the Native Americans by the Spanish.

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3. Did the Spanish kill all of the Natives? If not, why?

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4. Did the Spanish treat any group differently than another? If so, who? What did they do to them?

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5. In your opinion, what was the cruelest thing the Spanish did to the Native Americans according to De Las Casas?

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6. Now, put yourself in the place of one of the Native Americans De Las Casas describes. What would you do in reaction to the Spanish?

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