

History Test: European encounters and early Spanish colonization

Name: _____

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1. Europe was unaware of the existence of the Americas before Columbus.

True

False

2. Columbus worked for the Italian king and queen.

True

False

3. Each of these were exchanged during the Columbian Exchange.

- a. People
- b. Disease
- c. Crops
- d. All of the above

4. What is the meaning of conquistadors?

5. Name two advancements in war that the Spanish had that helped them win against the Aztecs.

- 1.
- 2.

6. The Aztecs at first believed that the Spanish were...

- a. invaders
- b. gods
- c. traders
- d. other natives

7. Put the following in order from those at the top of Spanish society to those at the bottom. Be sure to describe what was needed to be a part of the top three groups.

Peninsulares

Mestizos

Creoles

Natives/Africans

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

8. Which man conquered the Aztecs and which conquered the Incas?

- 1. Cortes
- 2. Pizarro

9. Describe what Hernando Cortes did with his ships after defeating a small force of Natives shortly after landing on the coast of North America.

10. Was Columbus successful in his first voyage for Spain? Explain why or why not.

11. A missionary is...

- a. a person on a expedition for their country
- b. a person who wants to teach and convert others to their faith
- c. a person who teaches math to Natives
- d. a person who prays a lot

12. How did Bartolome de Las Casas feel about the Natives being used as slaves? Did he believe another group should be used?
