

Guided Reading



Exploring the Americas

Lesson 3 *Spain in America*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What are the consequences when cultures interact?

European Explorers and Conquerors

Answering Questions As you read each section, answer the questions below to help you organize your ideas about the changing world.

1. Identifying Who were the conquistadors, and what special favors did they receive from Spanish rulers? What did they have to do in return?

2. Locating By conquering the Aztec Empire, Cortés provided Spain with control of land in what present-day country?

3. Identifying Which conquistador gained control of the Inca Empire? What country is it today?

4. Listing List three reasons the conquistadors were able to conquer the Aztec and Inca Empires.

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Spain in North America

Categorizing Thinking from the perspective of a historian, describe the discoveries of the explorers below. Include the dates of their explorations and one or more facts about each discovery.

1. Juan Ponce de León

2. Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

3. Hernando de Soto

4. Francisco Vázquez de Coronado

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Life Under Spanish Rule

Defining Write a sentence to define each of the following:

1. mission

2. presidio

3. pueblo

4. plantation

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Identifying Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write **T** or **F** in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite the underlined portion to make it true.

- 5. The Spanish treatment of Native Americans was fair.

- 6. People at the top of colonial society were the peninsulares, people born in Spain.

- 7. In the mid-1700s, Spain decided to develop California because it wanted to expand its colony farther north.

- 8. Missions were the main type of Spanish settlement in California.

