

# Conquest of the Americas

Contact and Conflict  
1450- 1700

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## Introduction

Between 1450- 1700 European civilization spread through trade, imperialism, and colonialism

### Guiding Questions:

- Was this inevitable?
- Was the spread of European culture a result of Western Superiority?

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## Agenda

- Factors of Exploration and Conquest
- Aztec Society & Spanish Conquest
- Inca Society & Spanish Conquest

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## Spanish Conquest

- Radical Depopulation
- Disease
- Forced Labour
- Slavery- *The Mission*
- Demoralization
- Introduction of Cattle, Sheep and Goats

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## Inca Empire



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## Inca Society

- Extremely Wealthy
- Complex Political Organization
- Accomplished Feats of Engineering

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## Spanish Conquest

Series of Attacks (1525-1572)

Encomienda System

Disease

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