

STUDY GUIDE

Topic 2.3 Spanish Conquest

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the blank with the term that best completes each sentence.

WORD BANK

suffering	conquerors	encomienda
Atahualpa	death	Montezuma
Aztec	South America	immunity
Tenochtitlan	Francisco Pizarro	riches
Hernan Cortes		Malinche

1. In the 1500's, Spain acquired enormous _____ from its American empire.
2. A wave of Spanish conquistadors, or _____, arrived in the Americas after Columbus.
3. The conquest of the Americas by the Spanish brought _____ and _____ to Native American peoples.
4. Before long, Spain conquered and ruled a vast empire that included the West Indies, much of _____, Mexico, and other parts of North America.
5. In addition, the Native Americans had no _____, or resistance, to European diseases.
6. _____ landed in Mexico with 600 men, 16 horses, and a few cannons. By 1521, he had conquered the _____ empire.
7. A young Indian woman named _____ arranged alliances to help the Spanish. In a brutal struggle, Cortes and his Naïve Americans allies captured _____, the Aztec capital.
8. _____, the Aztec ruler, was killed in the struggle with the Spanish.
9. With the help of Indian allies, _____ captured and killed the Incan emperor, _____. Despite fierce resistance, the Spanish and overran the Incan heartland.
10. The Spanish imposed a harsh system of forced labor upon Native Americans known as the _____ system.