

Chapter 24: New Worlds Reading Questions

**Make sure you check to see which sections you need to read. Sections are assigned alphabetically.*

The Spanish Caribbean, pp. 536-539

1. How did settlers support themselves?
2. What is encomienda?
3. How did smallpox affect the society?
4. What cash crop grew in this region?

The Conquest of Mexico and Peru, pp. 539-541

1. What is a conquistador?
2. What was the success of the Spanish military dependent on?
3. What gave Cortés an advantage over the Aztecs?
4. How was Pizarro able to conquer the Incas?

Iberian Empires in the Americas, pp. 541-543

1. How and where did Spain establish its authority in the new world?
2. How and where did Portugal establish its authority in the new world?
3. Describe the significance of growing cities in Spanish and Portuguese colonies.

Settler Colonies in North America, pp. 543-545

1. Who began to found colonies in North America and where?
2. How did North American colonies differ from South American colonies?
3. How did French and English colonists interact with Natives?

Mining and Agriculture in the Spanish Empire, pp. 546-549

1. How did silver mining impact the city and society of Potosí?
2. Explain the global impact of silver.
3. Who made up the labor force, and how did they respond?

Sugar and Slavery in Portuguese Brazil, pp. 549-550

1. Define engenho.
2. Describe the evolution of the labor force in Portuguese Brazil.

Fur Traders and Settlers in North America, pp. 550-552

1. How did the fur trade emerge?
2. How did the fur trade lead to conflict?
3. What was the biggest cash crop of the southern colonies?
4. Describe the evolution of the labor force in the southern colonies.

Christianity and Native Religions in the Americas, pp. 552-553

1. How did Spanish missionaries in Mexico and Peru interact with the native population?
2. How was Christianity received in different parts of the Americas?