

Mexico Surrenders to Cortés



First Spanish Conquests: The Incas

Pizarro conquered Incan Empire in modern day Peru in 1532

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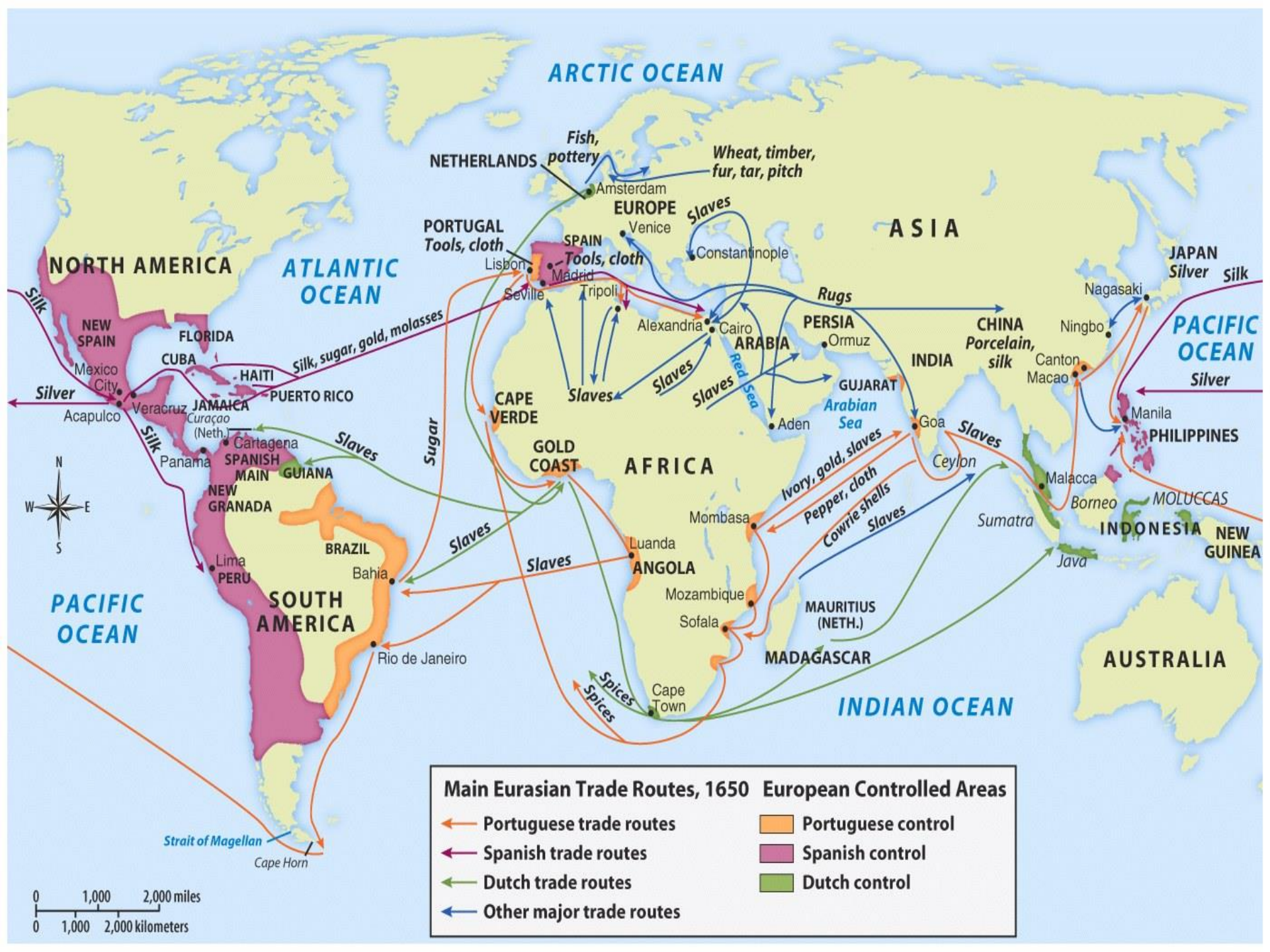


Francisco Pizarro

vs.



Atahualpa

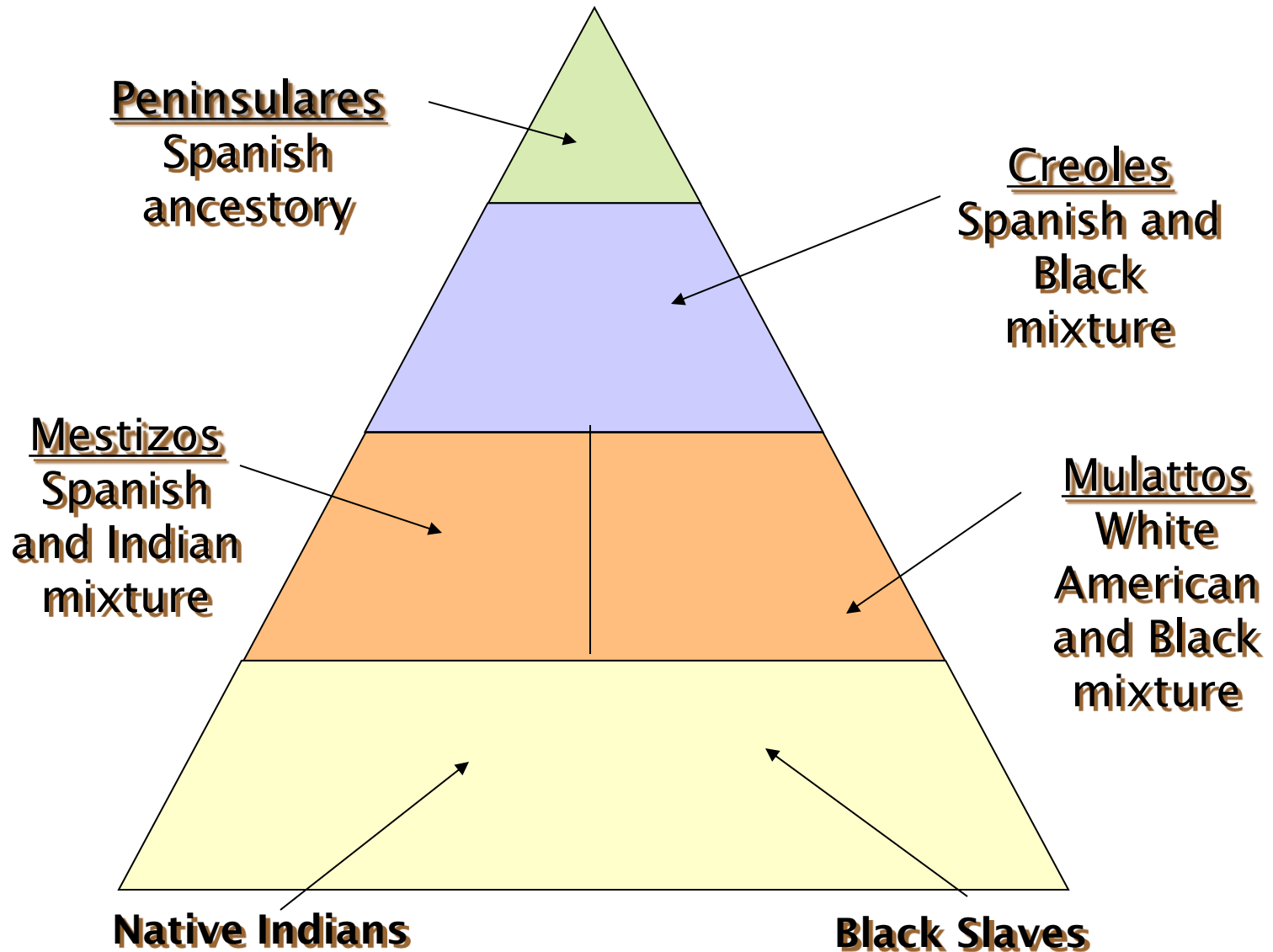


Main Eurasian Trade Routes, 1650 European Controlled Areas

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| ← Portuguese trade routes | Portuguese control |
| ← Spanish trade routes | Spanish control |
| ← Dutch trade routes | Dutch control |
| ← Other major trade routes | |

0 1,000 2,000 miles
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The Colonial Class System



Encomienda System

- The peninsulares – the highest social class in the Spanish colonies – owned large farm plantations.
- **The Encomienda System was when peninsulares owned not only the land, but the native people who lived on it too!**
 - Under the Encomienda System, the native people were put to work on the land
 - The agreement was:
 - **The native people worked and grew crops = the peninsulares would take care of them with food, shelter and protection**
 - The native people would also become Christians

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxMGtsGmwVg>

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The Influence of the Colonial Catholic Church



Guadalajara Cathedral

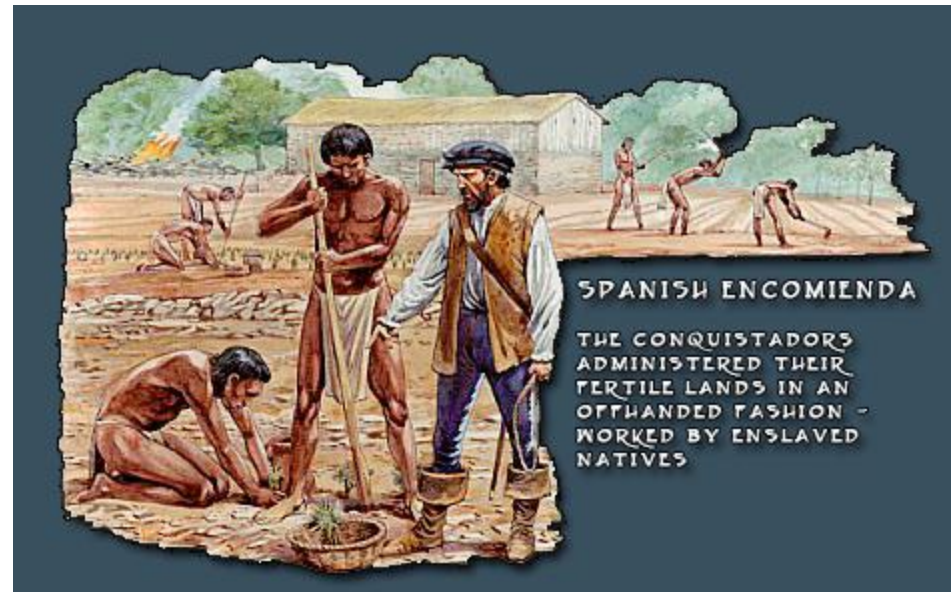


Our Lady of Guadalupe

Spanish Mission

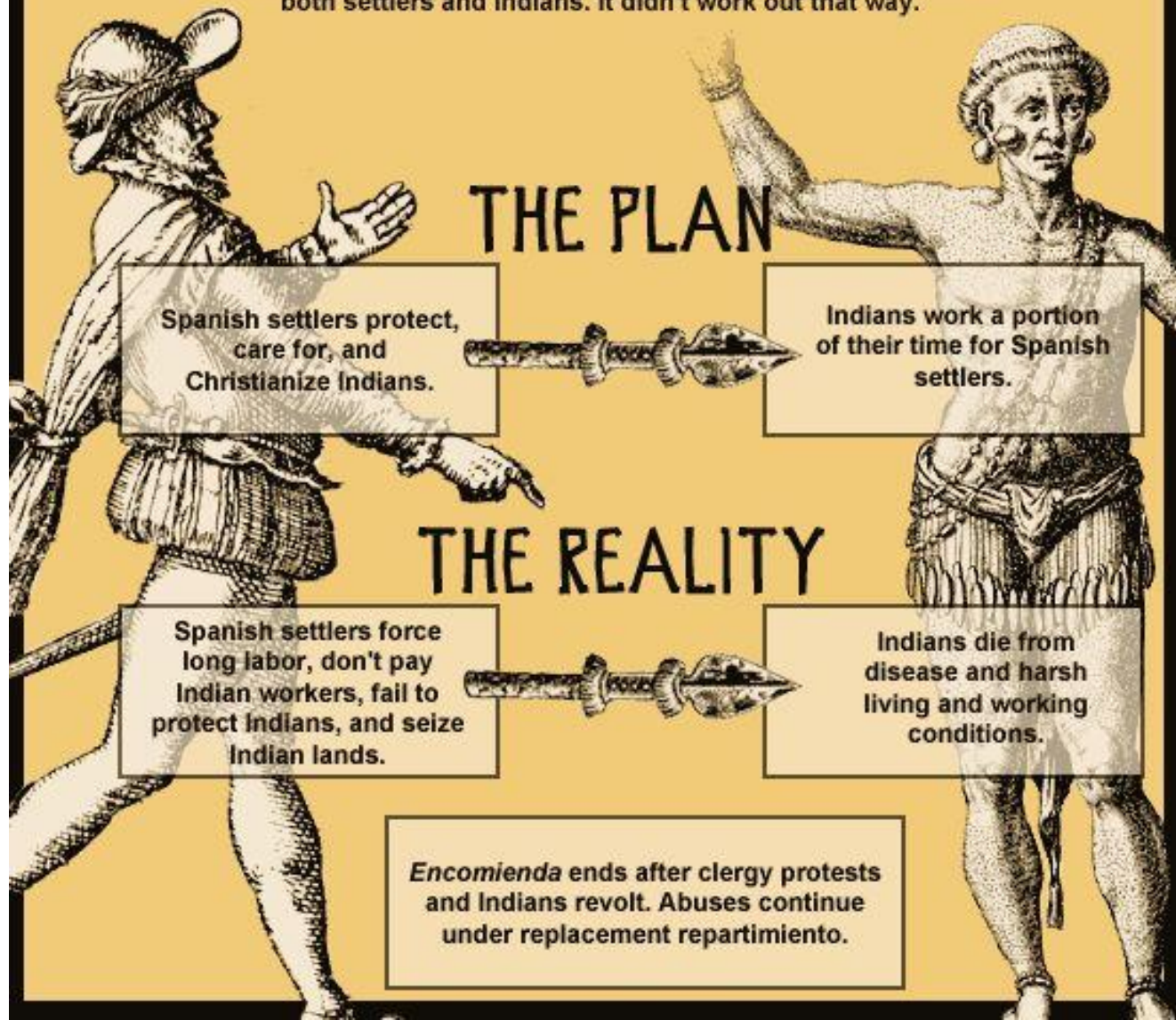


- Many of **the native people working under the Encomienda System worked with NO pay**, and often had very little to eat.
- The native people were keeping their promise by growing crops, **BUT** the peninsulare masters **were not** keeping up their promise (to take care of them).
 - **The natives were beaten, worked long hours, and were forced to give up their traditional beliefs.**
- **The native people were growing very angry at being treated so badly.**

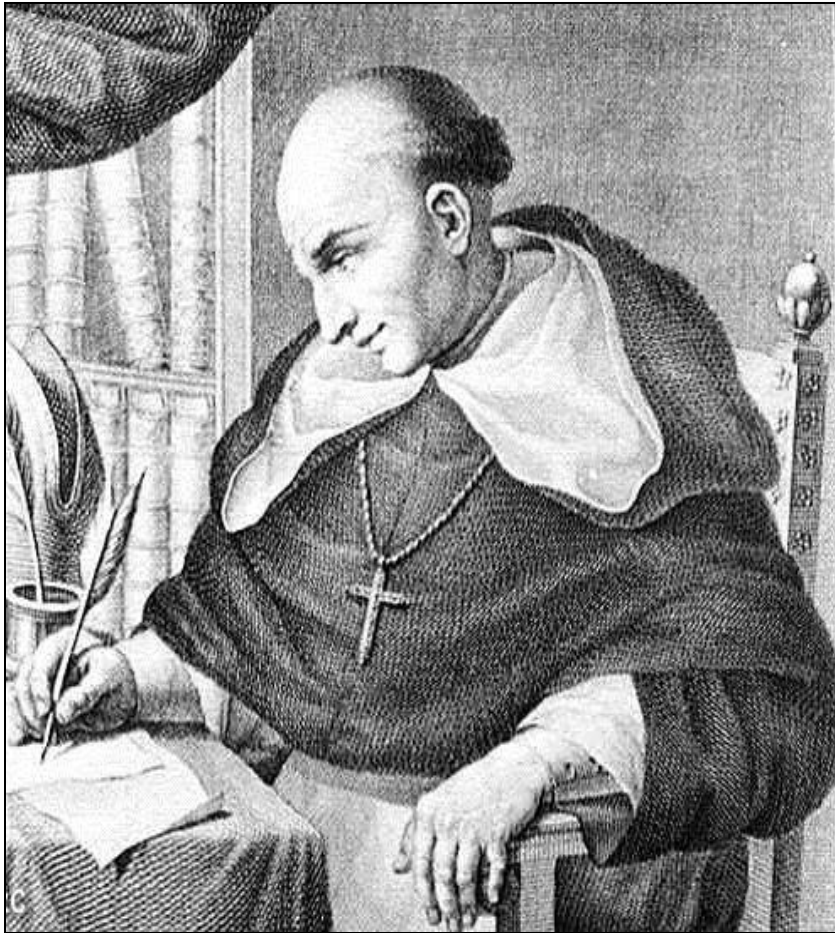


Encomienda: The Plan and the Reality

The Spanish claimed that the encomienda system would benefit both settlers and Indians. It didn't work out that way.



Father Bartolomé de Las Casas



- Believed the native people were being treated too harshly by the Spanish.
- Natives should be treated with respect and be educated.
- Las Casas wrote several letters to the Spanish government demanding better laws and treatment of the native people.
- Believed Indian culture was as advanced as European culture, but in different ways.

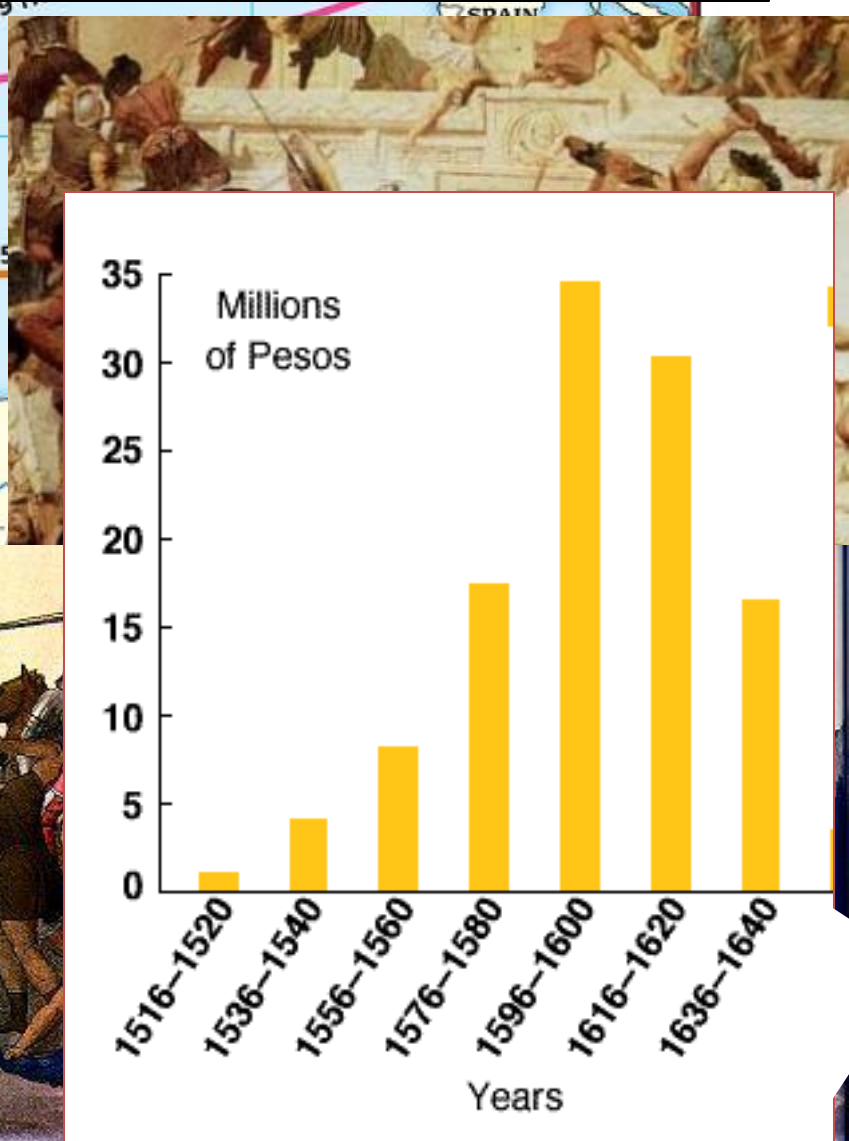
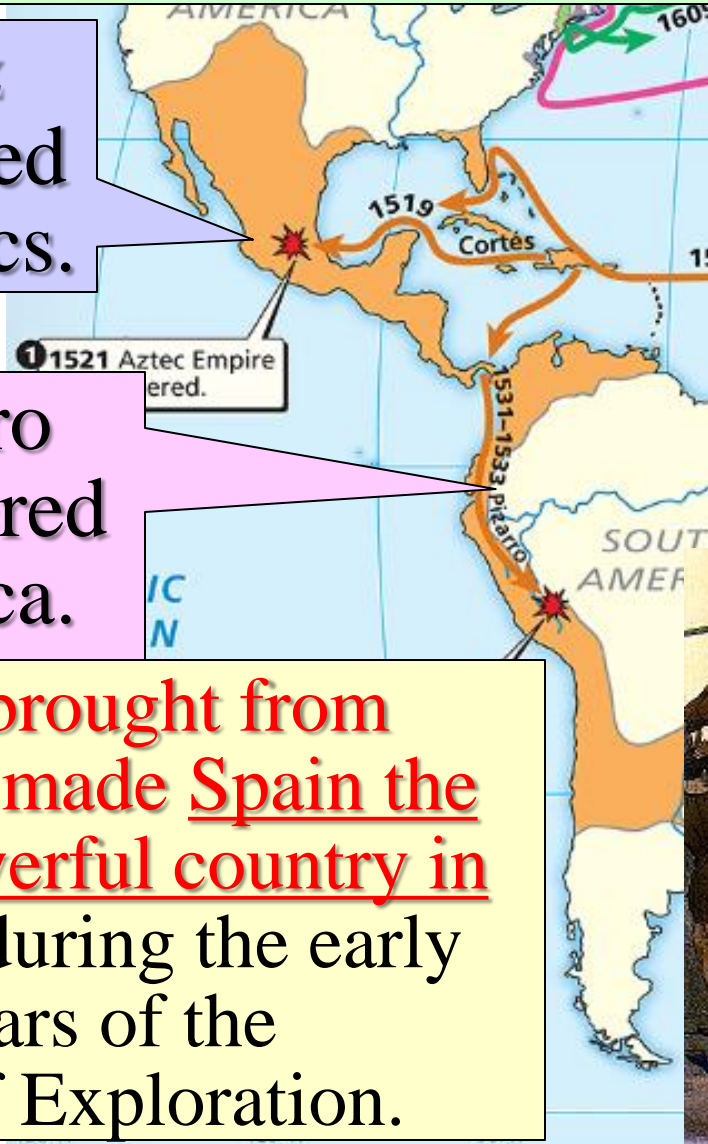
► **Because of Las Casas, new laws were created by the Spanish --> 1542**

Spain sent explorers called conquistadors to the New World to find gold, claim land, & spread Christianity.

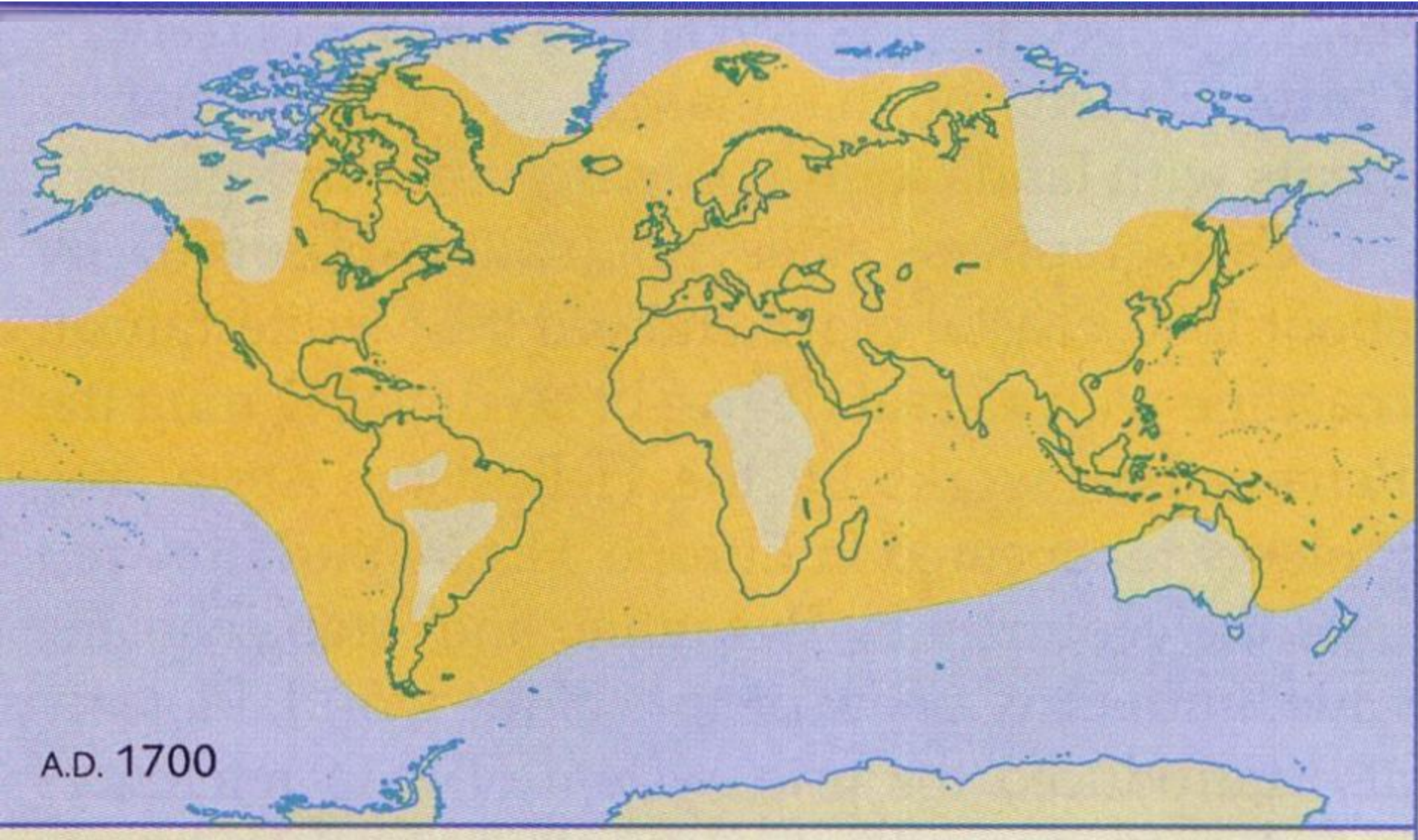
Cortez conquered the Aztecs.

Pizarro conquered the Inca.

Gold brought from America made Spain the most powerful country in Europe during the early years of the Age of Exploration.



Conclusion



As a result of the Age of Exploration, European knowledge & influence of the world increased greatly, and the New World changed forever.