

Unit 1: 1491-1607

Topics:

Native American Societies Before European Contact
European Exploration in the Americas
Columbian Exchange, Spanish Exploration, and Conquest
Labor, Slavery, and Caste in the Spanish Colonial System
Cultural Interactions Between Europeans, Native Americans, and Africans

Learning Objectives

- A.** Explain how and why various native populations in the period before European contact interacted with the natural environment in North America.
- B.** Explain the causes of exploration and conquest of the New World by various European nations.
- C.** Explain causes of the Columbian Exchange and its effect on Europe and the Americas during the period after 1492.
- D.** Explain how the growth of the Spanish Empire in North America shaped the development of social and economic structures over time.
- E.** Explain how and why European and Native American perspectives of others developed and changed in the period.

Key Terms and Ideas

Maize	Joint-Stock Companies	Encomienda System
Impact of Maize	Gold, God, and Glory	Reasons for African Slavery
Pueblo	Plantation System	Conquistadors
Chinook	Christopher Columbus	Bartolome de Las Casas
Sioux	Cultural Confusion	Juan Sepulveda
Iroquois	Columbian Exchange	Mestizos
Causes of Exploration	Smallpox	Caste System
Scientific Advances	Treaty of Tordesillas	Pueblo Revolt (Pope's Rebellion)

A note about taking notes:

The goal here is to write just enough that you will be able to understand the content several months from now. This means that a single word is not enough, and a fully developed paragraph is too much. I do not need complete sentences, just enough that you can understand the importance of each term or question.

- **If I listed a question: just answer the question.** Complete sentences are not needed when taking notes.
- **If I listed a term: define it and say why it is important.** Complete sentences are not needed.

Video: <https://youtu.be/Qn-Emcoxnvo>

Video instructions: https://youtu.be/Oe5C_qbLWo0

Outline for the notes over the video

Explain how and why various native populations in the period before European contact interacted with the natural environment in North America.

I. Arrival of Native Americans

A. How did they arrive and settle in America?

B. Maize

1. Impact of Maize

II. Regions of Native American Societies

A. Southwestern U.S.

1. Pueblo

a. How did they interact with their environment?

B. Pacific Northwest

1. Chinook

a. How did they interact with their environment?

C. Great Plains / Great Basin

1. Sioux

- a. How did they interact with their environment?

D. Mississippi River Valley and the Atlantic Seaboard

1. Iroquois

- a. How did they interact with their environment?

b. Iroquois Confederacy

Explain the causes of exploration and conquest of the New World by various nations.

III. Causes of European Exploration

A. Asian goods

B. Scientific Advancements in Navigation

1. Caravel

2. Compass

3. Improved Map Making

C. Joint-Stock Companies

D. Portuguese colonization of African Islands

1. Sub-Saharan African Slave Trade

2. Canary Islands

- a. Plantation system

- b. Why was the development of the Canary Islands important to colonization in the New World?

E. Spanish Unification

1. Gold, God, and Glory

2. New route to Asia

Explain how and why European and Native American perspectives of the others developed during the period.

IV. Spain explores a western route to Asia

- A. Christopher Columbus

- B. Clash of Cultures (Views of the Native Americans)

1. Clothing

2. Gender Roles

3. Religion

Explain the causes of the Columbian Exchange and its effect on Europe and the Americas during the period after 1492.

V. Columbian Exchange

- A. Items going from New World to Old World

1. Effects on Europe

- a. Potatoes and Maize

- B. Items going from Old World to New World

1. Effect on the Americas

- a. Smallpox

Explain how the growth of the Spanish Empire in North America shaped the development of social and economic structures over time.

- VI. Development of the Spanish Empire

- A. Treaty of Tordesillas

1. Line of Demarcation

- B. Encomienda System

- C. Introduction of African Slavery

- D. Conquistadors

1. Hernan Cortez and Francisco Pizzaro

- E. Wealth sent to Spain and Europe

- F. Debates about the treatment of Native Americans in New Spain

1. Bartolome de Las Casas

- a. *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*

2. Juan de Sepulveda

- G. Spanish American Intermarriage with Native Americans

1. Mestizos

2. Caste System

- VII. Native American Resistance Movements

- A. Pueblo Revolt (Pope's Rebellion), 1680

1. Causes

2. Effects

3. Compromise