

CHAPTER
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GUIDED READING *Spain Builds an American Empire*

Section 1

A. Following Chronological Order As you read about the empire Spain built in the Americas, take notes to answer questions about the time line below.

1492	Christopher Columbus sails westward from Spain, hoping to reach Asia.	1. What was the significance of Columbus’s voyages?
1519	Ferdinand Magellan sets sail on a voyage that rounds the southern tip of South America.	2. Magellan himself died in the Philippines. What was the importance of the voyage his crew completed?
1521	Hernando Cortés conquers the Aztec.	3. What factors helped the Spanish defeat the Aztec?
1533	Francisco Pizarro conquers the Inca Empire.	4. How did the Spanish treat the peoples they conquered?
1540	Francisco Vásquez de Coronado explores the Southwest.	5. What was unique about the Spanish colonization of the lands of New Mexico?
1542	Spain abolishes the <i>encomienda</i> system.	6. What was the long-term consequence of this action?

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B. Determining Main Ideas On the back of this paper define the following terms:

conquistadors mestizo *encomienda*