



GUIDED READING

Spanish North America

A. As you read this section, fill out the chart below to help you better understand the motivations and consequences of European exploration and colonization in the Americas.

Columbus’s Exploration of the Americas

Motivations	Methods
1. Why did Columbus come to the Americas?	2. How did European contact change the Americas?

Conquistadors’ Conquest of Central and North America

Motivations	Methods
3. What motivated Spain’s conquest?	4. How were the Spanish able to succeed?

Spanish Establishment of Missions

Motivations	Results
5. Why did the missionaries come to North America?	6. What resulted from the spread of missions?

B. On the back of this paper, identify or define each of the following:

- conquistadors
- Hernándo Cortés
- mestizo
- encomienda
- Columbian Exchange
- Taino
- Popé