Chapter 2

Section 2: Spanish Conquistadors

Spanish Conquistadors

By the 1500s Spain had _____ Conquistadors-Cortez and Pizarro Cortez- 1519- _____ the 1st Native he met showed him with gold November 8, 1519-____ _____, the Aztec leader, tried to Cortez _____, claimed Mexico for Spain Aztecs rebelled and forced Cortez returned a year later with more soldiers, conquered the Aztecs, and renamed Tonochtitlan ______- - new capital of New Spain

Spanish Conquistadors

• Pizarro- 1531- _

- Pizarro _____, the Incan ruler
- the Incas paid big \$\$\$ to have him released-
- by 1533 the Spanish had _____

How Did the Spanish Win?

the Spanish had guns and metal armor, the natives had spears and wicker shields

2.

1.

- the Spanish were white and rode horses, a beast no Native had ever seen before
- 3.
- epidemics were the overwhelming reason for Native American's plummeting population
- example: late 1400s in Canada the pop. was about 500,000. by 1630 it was around 10,000
- 4.
- in Mexico, most other tribes hated the rule of the Aztecs and were willing to help end it
- in Peru, the Incas had just finished a civil war

Spanish Explorers in North America

- 1513- Reports of a large island to the North
- he found it filled with flowers- he called it _____
- first Spaniard to _____

Spanish Explorers in North America

- 1528- FL's west coast- ______
- found no gold, headed North, attacked by Natives
- built crude boats and set sail- _____
- led by _____
- starvation + disease = _____
- then ______ by Natives
- 6 years later- only 4 remained including de Vaca and ______, an African slave
- escaped and fled to Mexico City- took 2 years
- reached Mexico City, told stories of

asked to head an expedition- only Estavancio would go- _____- the group returned to Mexico city

Spanish Explorers in North America

- _____- set out w/ 1100 Spaniards and Natives to find golden cities

explored Southeast

- reached as far north as Carolinas, and west as OK
- discovered MS River, ______ found no cities of gold

Colonizing Spanish America

• Harsh Life for Native Americans

• became ______

 new Spanish governors gave settlers large tracts of land- used for mines, ranches, and plantations _____

•	government also gave settlers	grants
	to gave settlers the right to	

- often Natives were forced to _____- often died
- some Spaniards protested- ______
- helped reform *encomienda* system by mid-1500s
- Spanish set up missions (______) to convert Natives
 - run by Catholic priests and friars

- started

as missions

Colonizing Spanish America

- The Trade in Humans
- Spanish realized Natives were ______

looked to Africans- were ____

1517- Spanish shipped ____

by mid-1500s-

Colonizing Spanish America

- Society in the Spanish Colonies
- Strict social classes- based on birthplace and ethnicity
- 1. ______- Spanish blood, born in Spain
 -government officials
 2. ______- Spanish blood, born in Americas
 -wealthy merchants and plantation owners
 3. ______- Spanish and Native blood
 -ranchers, farmers, merchants
 -could never reach the top of society
 4. ______- Spanish and African blood
 5. ________