Period 1 (1491-1607)

Pre-Columbian North American Societies to The Eve of the English Colonization at Jamestown

In a Nutshell:

On a North American continent controlled by American Indians, contact among the peoples of Europe, the Americas, and West Africa created a new world.

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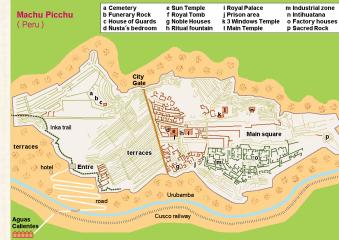
The First Americans \rightarrow 10,000 years before Columbus BERING STRAIT

Bering Strait



South America

- Aztecs (Mexico) Tenochtitlan.
 - Public buildings (large structures), irrigation systems, roads, extensive trade networks, slavery
- Inca (Peru, Andes Mountains) Machu Picchu
 - Similar components of Mexico.
- Both had very well developed civilizations





North American Civilizations (Present day U.S.)

- Not developed like civilizations of the South.
- Adapted to diverse environments.
- Did not consider themselves all apart of one tribal unit
 - Great Basin, Great Plains Predominantly hunted and were nomadic (lack of natural resources)
 - Northeast, Miss. River Valley, Atlantic seaboard. Mix of agriculture & hunting
 - Northwest, present day California. Hunted, Fished, foraged
 - Southwest. Maize was a significant food source (irrigation technology from the south)





European Exploration:

- Motivation: 3 G's
 - Gold & Silver Wealth to the nation
 - Glory Military Competition
 - God Spread of Christianity
- Things that made it possible
 - <u>Caravels</u>
 - <u>Sextant</u>
 - Joint-Stock Companies

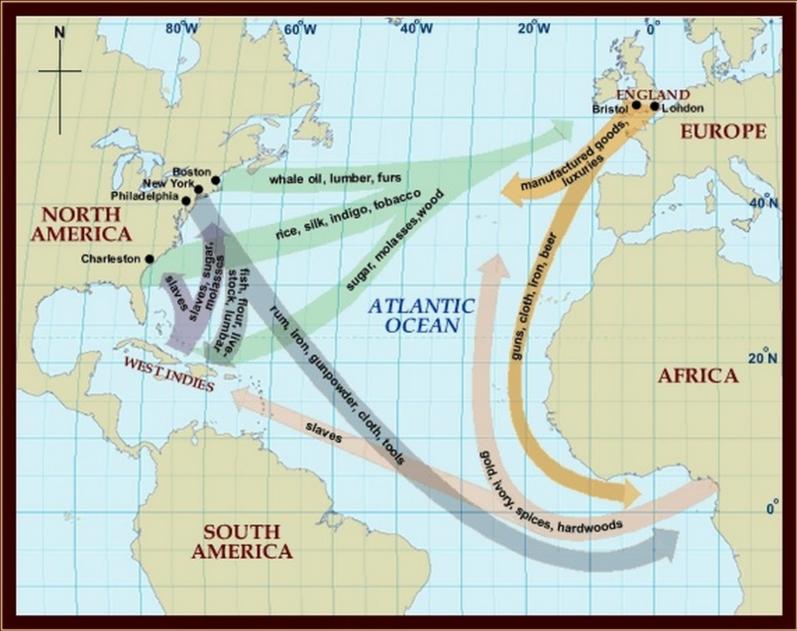




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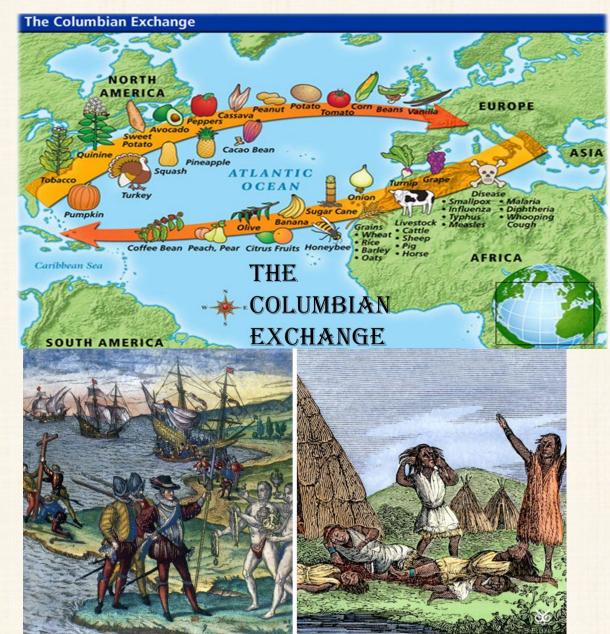
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Impact: Columbian Exchange via Triangle Trade



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- Americans → Europe & Africa
 - Maize, Potato, Tomato
 - Impact: Population Explosion, Shift from feudalism to capitalism
- Europe \rightarrow America
 - Wheat, Rice, Horses, Chickens, Oxen
 - Impact: Disease, New Social class (Mestizos) Horse, Encomienda System
- Europe \rightarrow Africa
 - Slavery (Portuguese and Spanish in West Africa)



Changes in the Americas after contact

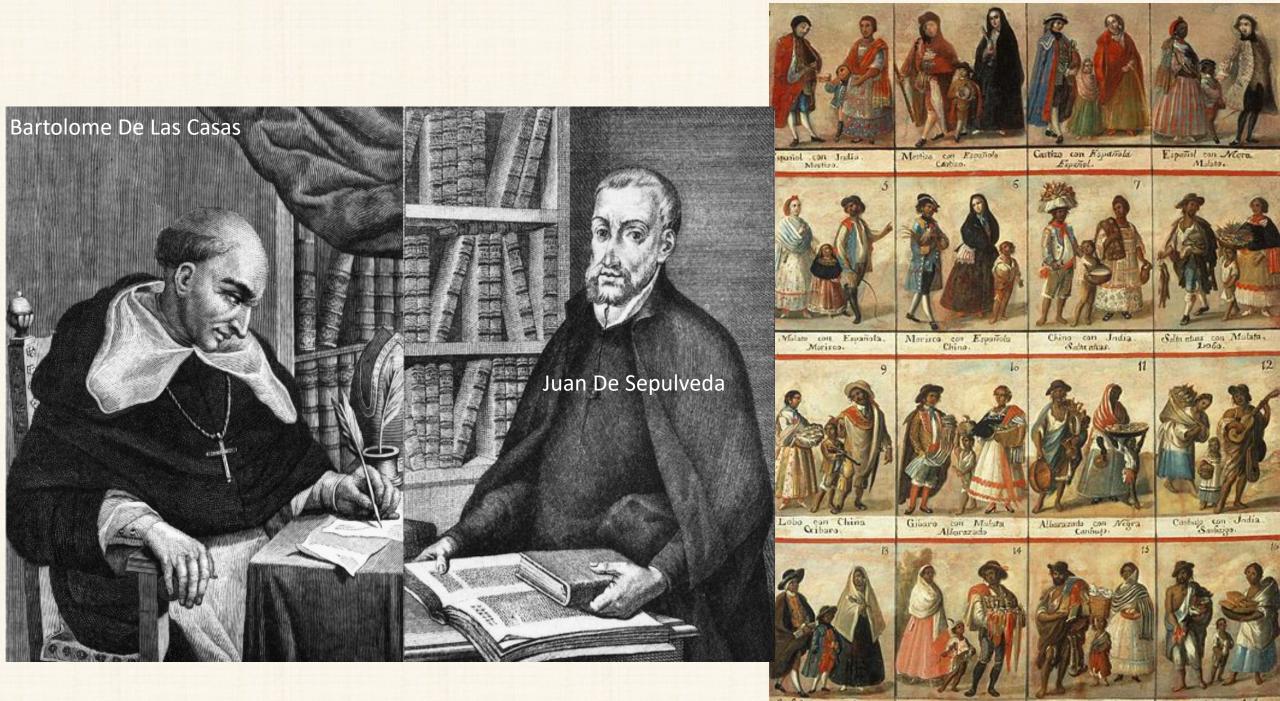
Encomendia System:

- Royal grants of land from the crown to the Spaniards in America.
- What can be another name for the encomienda system?
- How did the Spanish justify the treatment of the Natives?
- Who gradually replaces Indian slave labor?

Opposition of views.

- Juan de Sepulveda (anti-Indian/savages)
- Bartolome de las Casas (pro-native)
- The Valladolid Debate
- Resistance by the Natives to European encroachment

- Las Caste (Caste System)
- Diverse population in 16-17th century in the Americas.
 - Penninsulares Spanish born in Spain
 - Creoles Spanish born in America
 - Mestizos mixed Spaish and Native ancestry
 - Mullatos mixed Spanish and African ancestry
 - Africans Africans brought to the "new world"



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Last Look:

- Native cultures prior to contact
- North American more primitive than South American
- Maize = Major part of life
- Reasons for European exploration
- Goals of Europeans
- Columbian Exchange impacts on three continents (Triangle Trade)
- European justification of treatment of Natives and Africans
- Encomienda System
- Use of Native forced labor will transition to African forced labor