**Section VIII: Exploration and Conquest**

**Day 3: Explorers and Conquistadors**

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**Key Vocabulary Terms:**

Balboa:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Magellan:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cortes:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Moctezuma:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pizarro:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other Explorers

Some explorers traveled to the lands of North America and South America, claiming them for Spain. In 1513 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ explored the area now known as Panama. Balboa crossed Panama and came upon a great body of water, which he called the South Sea. Balboa was probably the first European to glimpse this body of water –later named the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Americas.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was a Portuguese mariner who believed that by sailing west he could find a water passageway around the Americas. In 1519 he sailed with five ships under his command and eventually found the passageway he sought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Although he succeeded in finding a route to Asia he died before he could return to Spain. He lost his life battling native Indians on the Philippine Islands. In September 1522 the *Victoria*—the only ship remaining of Magellan’s five vessel fleet– sailed into the harbor near Cadiz Spain. Only 35 men survived the voyage of the original 250 that set sail. On this expedition Magellan’s crew became the first people to successfully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Spanish Encounter the Aztec

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soon followed in the footsteps of the early explorers. By the early 1500s Spanish soldiers set out to conquer the Americas, to gain riches for themselves, and to spread the Catholic religion throughout the world.

Among the earliest conquistadors was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Cortés landed on the coast of Mexico in 1519 with about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 16 horses, and a few cannons.

As he headed inland toward Tenochtitlan, he was helped by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a young Indian woman who served as his translator and adviser. The Spanish called her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Malinche knew both the Mayan and Aztec languages, and she learned Spanish quickly.

Malinche revealed Aztec weaknesses to Cortes, explaining that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Indians conquered by the Aztec were occasionally sacrificed to appease the Aztec sun god, while others bore heavy tax burdens imposed by the empire. Armed with this knowledge, Cortes set off to confront the Aztec Ruler \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Moctezuma learned of Cortes’s arrival almost immediately. A scout who witnessed the Spanish defeat of the coastal Indians raced on foot to the capital city of Tenochtitlan. He told Moctezuma of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The scout reported that these bearded strangers were taller than a house and had cannons powerful enough to crack a hole in the side of a mountain.

The deeply religious Aztec ruler contemplated this amazing news. According to an ancient prophecy, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would one day return to rule over the Aztec. Moctezuma feared that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Moctezuma believed that the god’s arrival would mean the end of his reign. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Tenochtitlan. Instead, the gifts made Cortes even more determined to conquer the Aztec.

With Malinche’s help, Cortes persuaded American Indians who had been defeated by the Aztec \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Cortes’s army of Indian recruits grew to several thousand as he led them closer and closer to the Aztec capital.

Moctezuma welcomed Cortes as an honored guest. The determined conquistador, however \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Cortes let the ruler retain his title—though not his power—as emperor of the Aztecs.

This fragile arrangement collapsed when Cortes left Tenochtitlan. In his absence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When Cortes returned, he found the Aztec capital in chaos. In desperation, he urged Moctezuma to try to calm his angry subjects.

Many Aztec no longer trusted their ruler, however. When Moctezuma attempted to intervene, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Spanish and Aztec sources dispute which side murdered the emperor.

Once Moctezuma was dead, and the Aztec were in full revolt, the Spanish left the capital. In the following months Cortes regrouped his forces and obtained reinforcements. After a 4 month siege, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ decimated the Aztec forces to the point in which the capital fell back into Spanish hands.

After the conquest the Spanish leveled Aztec temples and other buildings and destroyed Aztec works of art. They also melted down elaborate gold jewelry and shipped it to Spain. Over the ruins of Tenochtitlan, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He lived like a king within this conquered region.

Conquering the Inca

The Inca Empire, centered in the Andes of South America, became Spain’s next target for conquest. In 1531-32 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a Spanish soldier and treasure hunter who had explored with Balboa, led a small army to the heart of the empire.

Pizarro lured the Inca ruler, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to his camp \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Pizarro lured the Inca ruler, Atahualpa to his camp. There, a Spanish priest told Atahualpa that the Inca must convert to Catholicism. Atahualpa asked to see the book—The Bible– that “spoke” their god’s words. According to an Inca account: “Atahualpa took the book and began to leaf through its pages. And the Inca ruler said, “why does it not speak to me? This book tells me nothing!” And… threw the book from his hands.

These actions outraged the Spaniards, who then attacked the Inca and imprisoned their ruler. To gain his freedom Atahualpa promised to fill his large prison quarters with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Desperate to save their emperor-god, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of gold and silver. Pizarro accepted the ransom, but ordered Atahualpa’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After this the Inca Empire fell into the control of the Spanish.