

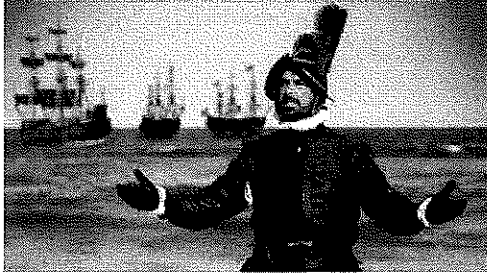
The Spanish Conquistadors & the Effects of Conquest...

(page 260-264 of Pathways textbook)

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A) The Conquistadors

Read pages 260-261 of your textbook and answer the following questions:

- i) Who or what were the Conquistadors? Explain.

- ii) What did Vasco Nuez de Balboa do for the first time?

- iii) Where did Coronado go on his expedition?

- iv) Hernan de Soto explored what region of the New World?

- v) Who was Hernan Cortez and what did he do as soon as he arrived in Mexico?
Why do you think he did this?

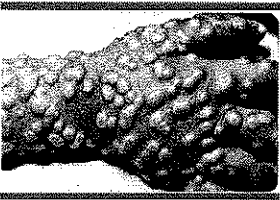
- vi) Which Indigenous empire was in Mexico (the Valley of Mexico) at the time of Cortez's arrival?

- vii) Describe what the Aztecs were like in general... beliefs, customs, city structure, etc. At least THREE main things:

- viii) What was the name of the Aztec capital city? What is it called today?

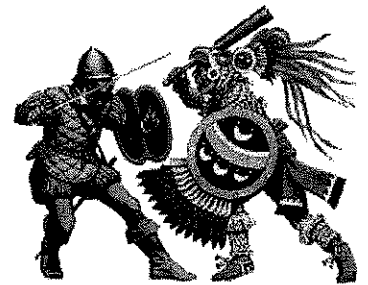
- ix) Who was Montezuma and what happened to him? Explain.

- x) What is smallpox and what does it do to a person? Explain.



- xi) Within a year of Cortez's landing in Mexico, how many Aboriginal (Indigenous) people had died from smallpox?

- xii) The Spanish also decided to destroy Aztec and Mayan culture by demolishing their religion and also by doing what?



Part B: The Effects of Conquest

Read pages 263-264 and answer the questions below:

- i) Describe how the Spanish Conquistadors treated the Aboriginal (Indigenous) people. Give at least THREE specific points.

- ii) The Aboriginal (Indigenous) population of the Valley of Mexico is estimated to have dropped from _____ to just over _____ in _____ years. One hundred and twenty years later, the population was down to _____.

- iii) **Read the Primary Source on page 262** and answer the following:
 - What event is the author describing?

 - Who is involved?

 - Do you think the author has a bias? Why or why not?

 - What information might the author have left out? Why? Explain.