

God, Gold, and Glory: Foundations

Unit 2: Age of Contact

Name:	Date: Period:	
The Reconquista		
Key Information:'s 800-year fight for freedom from the African	Significance: Spain's against the Moors helped lead to the	
 Essential Question: Why does Spain want to be involved in globa exploration? a. To locate a faster route to Asia. b. To gain wealth and power for their country. c. To convert American Indians to the Catholic faith. d. To compete with France. 	Color the Location of the Moors and the land they conquered.	
Christopher Columbus		
Key Information: An Italian explorer who sailed for	Significance: His iournevs	

<u>Essential Question – Your Response:</u>

Arrived in the Americas,

What was Columbus' original goal on his voyage?

- a. To conquer the Indigenous people of the Americas.
- b. To acquire land for Spain.
- c. To locate gold in the Americas.
- d. To find a water route to Asia

other explorers to travel to for







The Columbian Exchange

Key Information:	Significance:	
A system of across	New items were introduced	
the Ocean that	into and	
began with		
voyages.	•	
Essential Question – Your Response:	Natural Resources Being Traded	
What were two outcomes of the Columbian Exchange. Check the correct answers.	The Americas Europe / Africa	
 American Indians gained access to horses for travel and hunting. 		
☐ Spain expanded their trade with the markets in Asia.		
Spanish diseases killed millions of American Indians.		
Trade increased between Europe and Africa.		
Reasons for Exploration		
Key Information:	Significance:	
Spanish explorers had three	Spain became incredibly	
goals:,	exploring and	
, and	claiming and	
 was most important! 	in the Americas.	
Essential Question – Your Response:	Where did Spain find the most gold?	
How do you think Spain's quest for gold affected relationships between the Spanish and American Indians?	Circle, highlight, or color in the areas	
 a. It likely increased positive relations between American Indian populations and the Spanish through trade and cultural exchange. b. It likely led to a negative relationship as the conquistadors often attacked, conquered, killed, or stole from American 		

