

Answer Key: The Search for Gold – Guided Notes Day 2

Warm-up

- Answers will vary

Lesson

Alonso Álvarez de Pineda

- Key Information: 1519, Created the 1st known map of the Gulf of Mexico
- Significance: Provides more information about the geography of the Americas
- Essential Questions: Answers will vary

Hernán Cortés

- Key Information: Cortés conquered the Aztecs – 1519; Established Mexico City; Claimed the land for Spain: “New Spain”
- Significance: Aztec gold made Cortés and Spain wealthy. Other conquistadors want the same success.
- Essential Questions: Cortés was very successful accomplishing Spain’s primary goal for exploration because he acquired enormous amounts of gold and wealth for Spain.

Cabeza de Vaca

- Key Information: Lost from Florida to Texas; Lived with Texas Indians for 8 years; Explored and escaped to Mexico City
- Significance: Cabeza de Vaca’s claims of cities of gold inspired more conquistadors to explore Texas.
- Essential Questions: Answers will vary.

Francisco Vázquez de Coronado

- Key Information: Explored the American southwest in search of gold; 1st European to see the Grand Canyon.
- Significance: His expedition was considered a failure because he found no gold.
- Essential Questions: Answers will vary

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Exit Ticket

- Effect 1: Pineda's map helped explorers after him to navigate the Gulf of Mexico more easily, encouraging more exploration.
- Effect 2: Cortés's success prompted other Spanish conquistadors to explore the Americas in search of gold.
- Effect 3: de Vaca's accounts of the cities of gold prompted more conquistadors to explore the American southwest, including Texas, in search of gold.