

Vocabulary Quiz *Grade Level*

Unit 2: Age of Contact

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Period:

Part I: Matching

Directions: Match the vocabulary term with its correct definition

1. Era

2. Exploration

3. Expedition

4. Columbian Exchange

5. Conquistador

6. Colonization

7. Viceroy

8. Plantation

- A. A journey undertaken for a specific purpose, like to achieve wealth.
- B. Claiming land, resources, and people for your own country.
- C. A period of time that displays specific shared characteristics
- D. A Spanish governor of Spain's colonies in the Americas.
- E. Traveling to discover new people, places, or resources.
- F. A Spanish explorer and conqueror
- G. A system of trade established between the Americas and Europe.
- H. A large farm growing cash crops typically using forced labor.

Part II: Fill in the Blank

Directions: Use the vocabulary terms from the matching above to fill in the blanks in the sentences below. Use the word bank for assistance.

Era	Expeditions	Columbian Exchange	Explorers
Plantations	Conquistadors	Viceroy	Colonized

1. Many Spanish _____ like Hernan Cortés explored the Americas in search of gold and other natural resources that could make them rich.
2. When Spain claimed land in the Americas, the Spanish king would appoint a _____ who was similar to a governor, in order to oversee the new Spanish territories.
3. The Age of Contact was an _____ of history characterized by European exploration of the Americas and all of the changes that occurred as a result.
4. The conquistadors were Spanish _____ and conquerors whose goal was to locate new lands and resources in the hopes of becoming wealthy.
5. Conquistadors often went on _____ to search for resources like gold and silver.
6. One of the ways that Spain gained wealth in the Americas was by growing cash crops on _____ with forced American Indian labor.
7. Many Spanish explorers _____ the Americas, claiming control of the land, the resources, and the Indigenous people.
8. Spanish and other European explorers began transporting items like fruits, vegetables, livestock, and even diseases across the Atlantic Ocean in the _____.

Part III: Short Constructed Response

Directions: Answer the following questions in two to three complete sentences.

1. What is one defining characteristic of the Age of Contact era?