

Answer Key: What's the story?

Warm-up

- Student predictions will vary

Lesson

How students record the following information may vary if they paraphrase. The responses below are taken specifically from the available options in the Foundations work, and should act as a general guide for Advanced and Grade Level work.

1. The Reconquista
 - a. When: 732 – 1492
 - b. What happened?:
 - i. Spain defeated the Moors after 800 years of occupation. (Foundations – A)
 - ii. The king and queen hired Columbus to explore. (Foundations – C)
 - c. Significance: Spain's defeat of the Moors allowed them to begin exploration.
2. The Journeys of Christopher Columbus
 - a. When: 1492 - 1504
 - b. What happened?:
 - i. Columbus arrived in the Americas and realized the land was full of resources. (Foundations - A)
 - ii. A large system of trade between the Americas and Europe began after Columbus' journey. (Foundations - B)
 - c. Significance: Columbus' journeys to America initiated an era of European exploration that changed history.
3. God, Gold, and Glory in the Americas
 - a. When: 1519 - 1532
 - b. What happened?:
 - i. Hernán Cortés defeated the Aztecs in 1519, making himself wealthy. (Foundations - B)
 - ii. Francisco Pizarro defeated the Incas in 1532, acquiring gold and wealth. (Foundations - C)
 - c. Significance: Spain's success acquiring gold in Mexico and South America caused more Spaniards to explore.

- ## **Part II: Questions** (Advanced only)

- ## Exit Ticket

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