

What's the Story? *Foundations*

Unit 2: Age of Contact

Name: Date: Period:

Part I Directions:

1. Read each passage about a significant event or events during the Age of Contact.
2. **When:** Write the date it occurred. (Make sure you are writing the date under the correct event in your list. Check the title of your reading.)
3. **What happened:** Highlight or circle **two** statements that are most significant to this event. **NOTE:** All three statements are **TRUE**, but only **two** are the most significant.
4. **Significance:** A helpful tip: read the significance of each event **FIRST** to help you understand what's most important about each reading. Then choose which 2 events under "What Happened" best support the significance.

<i>First Significant Event(s)</i>	The Reconquista
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<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
	<p>A) Spain defeated the Moors after 800 years of occupation.</p> <p>B) King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella joined to rule Spain.</p> <p>C) The king and queen hired Columbus to explore.</p>	<p>Spain's defeat of the Moors allowed them to begin exploration.</p>

<i>Second Significant Event(s)</i>	The Journeys of Christopher Columbus
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<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
	<p>A) Columbus' arrived in the Americas and realized the land was full of resources.</p> <p>B) A large system of trade between the Americas and Europe began after Columbus' journey.</p> <p>C) Columbus sailed west to find a water route to Asia.</p>	<p>Columbus' journeys to America initiated an era of European exploration that changed history.</p>

Third Significant Event(s)

God, Gold, and Glory in the Americas

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
	<p>A) Spain’s goals for exploration included spreading their religion.</p> <p>B) Hernán Cortés defeated the Aztecs in 1519, making himself wealthy.</p> <p>C) Francisco Pizarro defeated the Incas in 1532, acquiring gold and wealth.</p>	Spain’s success acquiring gold in Mexico and South America caused more Spaniards to explore.

Fourth Significant Event(s)

Conquistadors Continue their Search for Gold

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
	<p>A) Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca explored America from Florida to Texas.</p> <p>B) Conquistadors like Coronado explored north of Mexico, finding no gold.</p> <p>C) De Soto and Oñate found no gold north of Mexico.</p>	Spain failed to find gold north of Mexico, so they stopped exploring lands like Texas.

Fifth Significant Event(s)

The Arrival of the French

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>
	<p>A) France and Spain had been enemies for hundreds of years.</p> <p>B) Spain focused on Mexico and South America because they found gold there.</p> <p>C) A French man named La Salle arrived on the coast of Texas.</p>	The French presence in Texas troubles Spain, who doesn’t want their enemy to control the land.

Significance of the Age of Contact:

Place a checkmark next to three statements that demonstrate the primary significance of the Age of Contact.

- The king and queen of Spain decided to explore the world for riches.
- Spain was successful acquiring gold and wealth in Mexico and South America.
- American Indians gained horses, and millions were killed by European diseases.
- Spain failed to find gold north of Mexico, so they gave up on places like Texas.