

What's the Story? *Advanced*

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. Complete your chart by placing each event in the correct chronological order.
3. Write the title of the event and the date it occurred.
4. Write quick notes summarizing the most significant events that happened in each reading. Your notes should be 2 – 3 bulleted items in a list.
5. Write the significance of the event or events: Explain why it was important to our era in Unit 2: the Age of Contact. **Helpful Tip:** Determine the significance first, then identify the events that support or demonstrate the significance.

First Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:

Second Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:

Third Significant Event(s)

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>

Fourth Significant Event(s)

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>

Fifth Significant Event(s)

<i>When:</i>	<i>What happened?</i>	<i>Significance:</i>

Significance of the Age of Contact:

List five significant changes that came about because of the Age of Contact:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Part II Directions: Answer the comprehension questions based on information from the readings.

- ___ 1) How did the Age of Contact affect many of the American Indian civilizations that lived in the Americas? *Choose **two** correct answers.*
- a. American Indian tribes gained access to Spanish horses which changed the way they traveled, hunted, and engaged in conflict with opposing tribes.
 - b. Trade between the Spanish and American Indian groups forged a strong alliance between the Indigenous people and Spain.
 - c. American Indians gained access to large amounts of gold and silver as a result of the arrival of the Spanish.
 - d. Spanish colonization and especially Spanish diseases resulted in the death of millions of American Indian people across the Americas.
- ___ 2) Which statement best describes the Spanish view of Texas by the end of the Age of Contact?
- a. Texas was one of the most significant territorial acquisitions the Spanish gained in their conquest of the Americas.
 - b. The Spanish viewed Texas as a difficult and even dangerous frontier that lacked profitable resources.
 - c. Texas resources like oil, gas, and grasslands for grazing cattle would be invaluable to the Spanish economy in the Americas.
 - d. The Spanish viewed Texas as a place with ample opportunities for trade with the various Indigenous groups like the Caddo.
- ___ 3) Which statement below provides the most accurate characterization of the Age of Contact?
- a. During the Age of Contact, Spanish success at acquiring gold, silver, and other resources in Mexico and South America led them to colonize those locations.
 - b. During the Age of Contact, Spanish conflict with American Indians led to many wars for territory and resources.
 - c. During the Age of Contact, Spanish explorers led expeditions throughout the Americas with the primary goal of spreading their religious beliefs.
 - d. During the Age of Contact, the Spanish king and queen had the primary goal of finding a faster, more convenient water route to the markets in Asia.