

# What's the Story? *Grade Level*

## *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. Significance: Circle or highlight the statement that provides the best summary of the significance of the event in the reading passage.
  - a. **HELPFUL NOTE:** If you are not sure what to write in the “*What Happened*” box, determine the significance first. Then, identify events from the reading that support and demonstrate the significance.

### **First Significant Event(s)**

<b>When:</b>	<b>What happened?</b>	<b>Significance:</b>
		A) Spain's defeat of the Moors allowed them to begin exploration.  B) The Moors conquered and ruled Spain for nearly 800s years.

### **Second Significant Event(s)**

<b>When:</b>	<b>What happened?</b>	<b>Significance:</b>
		A) Columbus' journeys to America began a system of trade.  B) Columbus' journeys to America initiated an era of European exploration that changed history.

### Third Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		A) Cortés and Pizarro were successful acquiring gold and land in the Americas.  B) Spain's success acquiring gold in Mexico and South America caused more Spaniards to explore.

### Fourth Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		A) Spain failed to find gold north of Mexico, so they stopped exploring lands like Texas.  B) Conquistadors like Coronado, Cabeza de Vaca, and de Soto had little success in and around Texas.

### Fifth Significant Event(s)

When:	What happened?	Significance:
		A) The relationship between Spain and France was full of conflict and territorial disputes.  B) The French presence in Texas troubles Spain, who doesn't want their enemy to control the land.

### **Significance of the Age of Contact:**

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

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_