

Preview of Age of Contact *Video*

Unit 2: Age of Contact

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Video Introduction

This video provides a brief introduction of the major themes and events of the Age of Contact unit. Use this viewing guide worksheet to assess your understanding of the topics in the video.

Video Vocabulary

Directions: Before you begin the video, read the terms below to familiarize yourself with new vocabulary introduced in this video.

Term	Definition
Spaniard (<i>n</i>)	A person from the European country of Spain
Immunity (<i>n</i>)	The body's ability to fight off diseases
Small pox (<i>n</i>)	A deadly and highly contagious disease
Expedition (<i>n</i>)	A journey of exploration
Empire (<i>n</i>)	All the land a country claims and controls
Transformative (<i>adj</i>)	Something that causes a significant change

Before you watch...

Before you watch the video, complete the following **True** or **False** activity below based on what you may already know or your best educated guess about the Age of Contact. After you watch, return to this chart to give your final answers. Compare your answers. Were your first answers correct? What was different?

Before you watch	After you watch	Statement
T / F	T / F	1. The first Spaniards to explore Texas arrived accidentally.
T / F	T / F	2. Spain sent several expeditions to Texas that successfully discovered important resources like gold and silver.
T / F	T / F	3. Spain continued to explore and settle Texas for more than 100 years, establishing permanent settlements there.
T / F	T / F	4. Spain's arrival in Texas introduced horses and new and deadly diseases to Texas Indian communities.

Directions: Watch the video and answer the following questions.

1. A Spaniard named Cabeza de Vaca and his companions became shipwrecked in Texas in 1528. They spent six years in Texas before finally making their way to Mexico where Spain had established prominent settlements.

How was Cabeza de Vaca's experience in Texas significant? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Cabeza de Vaca and his companions explored various regions of Texas.
 - ☐ They established the first permanent Spanish settlements in Texas.
 - ☐ Their early discoveries of gold led to other Spanish explorers setting off on expeditions to Texas.
 - ☐ They were the first Spaniards to encounter several Texas Indian tribes.
 - ☐ They were able to give detailed accounts of Texas, its people, land, and resources to other Spaniards who had colonized Mexico.
 - ☐ Their information caused Spain to send several other expeditions into Texas.
2. How did the arrival of the Spanish influence or affect Texas Indians? Choose **TWO** correct answers.
 - a. A commercial and political partnership developed between Texas Indians and Spanish explorers which led to greater economic development in Texas.
 - b. Spain immediately initiated a war against Texas Indians to forcibly remove tribes from the region.
 - c. The Spanish inadvertently spread deadly European diseases throughout communities of Texas Indians who had developed no immunity to such diseases.
 - d. Discoveries of gold and silver deposits in Texas led to a flood of Spanish explorers and settlers that rapidly developed the Texas economy.
 - e. Texas Indians gained access to Spanish horses which revolutionized the ways in which Indians traveled, hunted, and carried out warfare.

3. Consider the final question of the video and write your response below:

Would Spain be able to control the region when they returned to Texas, or would powerful groups like the Apache control these regions?