

How did the Age of Discovery impact certain significant events of World History?

The Age of Discovery resulted in the Columbian Exchange, the Atlantic Slave Trade, European colonization, and the gradual depletion of Native American populations. All of which were direct consequences of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the Americas in 1492.







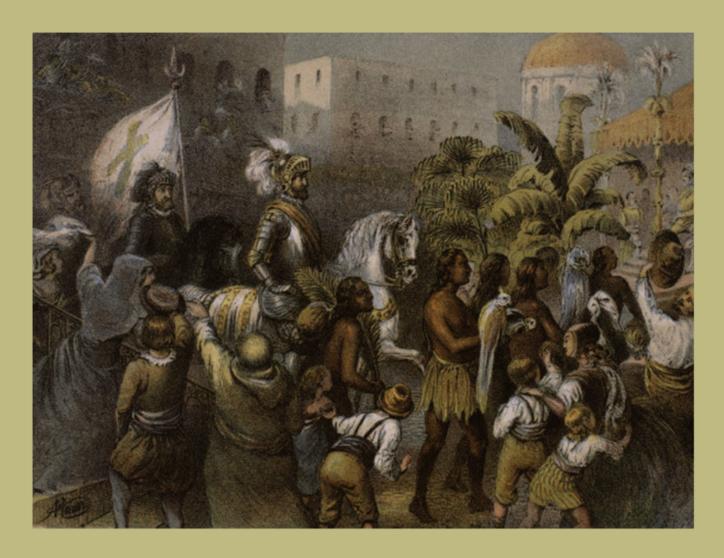






The Columbian Exchange and Colonization (15th-16th century):

The Columbian Exchange was a period of time in which cultural ideas and goods were exchanged between the European "Old World" and the "New World" of the Americas. With the introduction of various crops, livestock, and minerals, the economy of the Spanish Empire increased drastically, thus prompting further European exploration and conquest of the American territories.

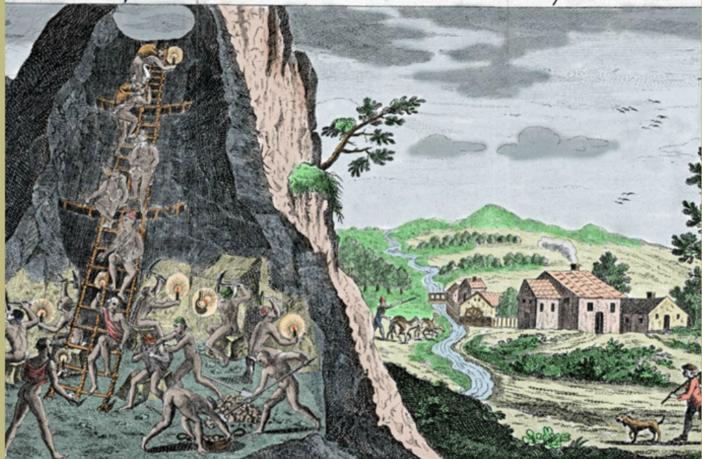


Columbus returns to Spain with enslaved natives and goods

The Casesolutions.com The Atlantic Slave Trade (15th-19th century):

The Atlantic Slave Trade was a system in which enslaved Africans, most from the West African coast, were purchased and moved across the Atlantic Ocean to be used as laborers in newly formed American colonies. Most African slaves sent to Spanish territories were put to work in gold and silver mines, and large plantations to cultivate sugarcane and other cash crops.

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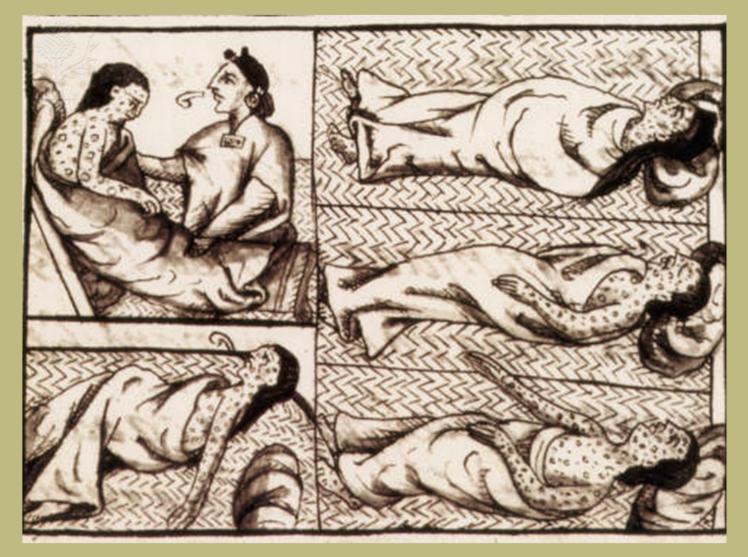


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Slaves in mountainous Bolivian silver mine

Impact on Native American population: Thecasesolutions.com

Native Americans suffered a 80-90% loss in population due to the spread of influenza, typhoid, measles, and smallpox by European settlers and explorers. It is estimated that the original Native American population before European conquest was roughly 90-114 million people. In addition to enslavement and genocide, most Native American societies were eventually dismantled and dispersed.



Aztecs dying from smallpox contracted from Spanish explorer Hernan Cortez's arrival