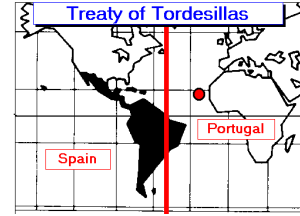


European Conquest of the Americas

Origins

- Treaty of Tordesillas (1494)
 - imaginary line through the Atlantic
 - West – Spain
 - East - Portugal



Beginning of Spanish Rule

1. Columbus "discovery"
2. Francisco Pizarro
 - conquered Incas
3. Hernan Cortes
 - conquered Aztecs

Conquistadors

Motives

- improve their life
- God, gold, glory



Reasons for Success

- weapons
- leadership
- diseases
- right time, right place



Conquest of Mexico

- Spanish Advantages
 - native allies (against Aztecs)
 - metal weapons, heavy armor
 - guns, horses
 - disease (smallpox)



From First State Department of Health Photograph

Conquest of the Inca

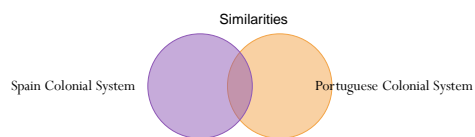
- Pizarro – looking for wealth
- Inca already weakened by disease
- kill king, destroy army, take over



Colonial Administration

- 1750 – conquistadors give way to formal rule under Spanish crown

Spanish v. Portuguese Government of Colonies



Spanish Colonial Rule

- Two centers of authority:
 - Mexico
 - built on top of Tenochtitlan (Mexico City)
 - Peru
 - moved from Cuzco (Inca capital) to Peru

- Viceroy
- royal official who governed the territory
- responsible to king of Spain
- immense power, almost autonomous



Mining and Agriculture

- Silver
- Potosi, Peru (160k "employees")



- encomienda system
- natives farmed, ranched, or mined for Spanish landlords
- landlords received rights to labor from Spanish authorities
- led to abuses



- repartimiento system
- forced natives to work in return for protection



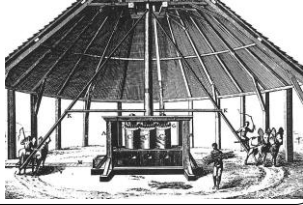
Portuguese Colonial Rule (Brazil)

- king grants coastal lands to nobles
- responsible for colonizing them



Sugar and Slavery

- engenho (sugar mills)
 - combined agriculture and industrial
 - heavy labor, specialized knowledge
 - natives resistance led to reliance on African slaves



Multiracial Societies

- Relationships
 - Master v. servant
 - Christian v. pagan



Whites

- peninsulares- whites born in Spain
- creoles- whites born in New World
 - dominate economies
 - sensitive of inferiority



Mixed Origin

- mulattoes- half African/half European
- mestizos- half Spanish/ half Indian

