

Cause and Effect of Spanish settlement in Latin America

Cause	Effect
1492, Granada war expels the last of the Muslim rule in Spain	
Encomiendas were established in the Americas	
1492-1570 witnessed a remarkable spurt of human destruction and creation in the Americas	
Caribbean experience served Spain as a model for its actions elsewhere in the Americas	
Caribbean served as a testing ground for the Spaniards	
Bartolome de Las Casas initiates struggle for justice against mistreatment of slaves	
By a combination of deception, boldness, ruthlessness, and luck, the Aztec emperor Moctezuma II was captured and killed	
Spanish captains led by force of will and personal power. "God in the sky, the king in Spain and me here"	
Indigenous societies deal with the settling of Spaniards	
Colonial government increasingly extracted labor and taxes from native peoples	
Native American culture also demonstrated great resiliency	
Agriculture and mining were the basis of the Spanish colonial economy	
Silver Mining in the Americas	
Population decline in the Americas	

Ecuador, New Spain and Peru, sheep raising led to the development of small textile sweatshops	
Spain controlled its American empire through a carefully regulated bureaucratic system	
Portuguese settle in Brazil	
Brazil held its position as the world's leading sugar producer	
Portugal created a bureaucratic structure like Spain that integrated this colony within an imperial system	
Portuguese lose the sugar domination and settle in the interior only to discover gold	
Conquest and settlement of Latin America created the conditions for the formation of multiethnic societies	
Hierarchies were based on wealth and occupation	
Mixed populations grew, as did the restrictions placed on them	
18 th century in Spain and Portugal brought intellectual ferment and the creation of clubs and associations called amigos del pais	
Spanish Monarch dies without a successor	
Series of reforms are aimed at strengthening the state and its economy	
Bourbon reforms are paralleled in the Portuguese world during the administration of Marquis of Pombal	
American colonies of Spain and Portugal, like the rest of the world, were experiencing rapid growth in population and productive capacity	