

Spanish Explorers in the Americas

- I. Christopher Columbus
 - A. searching for another route to Asia
 - B. arrived in the West Indies (Bahamas)
 - C. discovered gold
- II. Hernan Cortes
 - A. landed in Mexico and travels to Tenochtitlan in 1519
 - B. formed alliances with native peoples
 - C. arrived in Tenochtitlan and is welcomed by Moctezuma
 - D. imprisoned Moctezuma
 - E. captures and demolishes Tenochtitlan, taking all their gold and riches
- III. Francesco Pizzaro
 - A. arrives in Peru in 1532
 - B. captured ruler and killed thousands of Incas
 - C. demanded ransom; was paid but killed the ruler anyway
 - D. conquered incas; established the city of Lima
 - E. was killed by a rival Spanish faction