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**1 Which word best describes how the conquistadors treated the people they conquered?**

- A Fairly
- B Cruelly
- C Generously
- D Indifferently

**2 What can you infer about the conquistadors from the fact that most of them came from humble backgrounds?**

- A They were not very loyal to the king of Spain
- B They were not allowed to join the Catholic Church
- C They were not well-educated
- D They had no interest in gold and riches

**3 Which of the following items did Europeans have, and Native Americans lack?**

- A Kings
- B Religion
- C Weapons
- D Horses

**4**  **Why would the conquistadors bring this man with them to the Americas?**

- A To help the Spaniards hold religious services
- B To perform weddings between Spanish soldiers and native women
- C To teach the Spanish soldiers about Christianity
- D To convert the native peoples to Christianity

**5 Why did the king of Spain want so much gold and land?**

- A He wanted to make the conquistadors rich and powerful
- B He wanted to dominate other European empires
- C He wanted to build expensive new palaces
- D He wanted to impress female suitors

**6 Encomiendas were most similar to:**

- A Slave plantations in the old American South
- B Large factory farms in the American Midwest
- C Collective farms in the old Soviet Union
- D Rice paddies in Southeast Asia

**7 Why do so many people in Latin America speak Spanish or Portuguese?**

- A They are subjects of the kings of Spain and Portugal
- B They are descended from Spanish and Portuguese conquistadors
- C They are immigrants from Spain and Portugal
- D Their countries were once Spanish or Portuguese colonies

**8 Why did smallpox kill so many of the natives in the Americas, but so few conquistadors?**

- A The conquistadors had been vaccinated against smallpox
- B The natives had never been exposed to European diseases
- C The natives had poor hygiene, while the Spanish were very clean
- D The smallpox virus was designed to only infect native populations

**9 If a Native American society refused to convert to Christianity, what would usually happen to them?**

- A They'd be destroyed
- B They'd be allowed to worship their traditional gods
- C They'd be forced to attend religious education classes
- D They'd be allowed to convert to Judaism instead

**10 What is one lasting result of the Spanish colonization of Latin America?**

- A Spain still controls most of Latin America
- B The encomienda system is still thriving in many Latin American countries
- C Most people in Latin America still belong to the Roman Catholic Church
- D Slavery and murder are still legal in most Latin American countries