

History 100.4 Making History: The Spanish Conquest of America

Introduction and Overview (week 1 & 2)

Friday, 30 August

What's So Hard About History?

Columbus' Letter. I will email this to you.

Monday, 2 September

What Makes History a Discipline?

Arnold, Chapter 1.

Wednesday, 4 September

How has History Changed?

Arnold, Chapter 2 & 3.

Public Showing of *A Midwife's Tale* is on Thursday, 5 September, in ARH 302 at 7 pm.

Friday, 6 September

Which Sources? Which Approaches?

Arnold, Chapter 4 & 5.

See *Midwife's Tale* by today, [begin paper](#).

Monday, 9 September

How Do We Read sources?

Arnold, Chapter 6 & 7.

Wednesday, 11 September

How Do Historians Pull It All Together?

Discuss Movie.

[Paper Due](#).

Friday, 13 September

Back to Columbus: Why Explore?

1. Santa Fe Capitulations, 1492.

2. Granada Capitulations, 1492.

3. Columbus' Letter.

4. Warrant for a Second Voyage, 1493.

5. The Response in Europe, 1493-94. [All Combined in one PDF on Blackboard](#).

Week 3

Section 1. The Caribbean (weeks 2-5)

Monday, 16 September

How Did the Encounter Proceed?

1. Inter Caetera, 1493.

2. The Treaty of Tordesillas, 1494.

3. Instruction to Columbus, 1497.

4. Instructions for the Government of the Indies, 1501.

5. Decree on Indian Labor, 1503. [All Combined in one PDF on Blackboard](#).

Wednesday, 18 September **What did different Spaniards think of it?**

1. Antonio Montesinos, "Advent Sermon," 1511.
 2. Royal Response to the Sermon of Antonio Montesinos, 1512.
 3. Palacios Rubios, "The Requirement," or Requerimiento, 1512.
- All Combined in one PDF on Blackboard.

Friday, 20 September **What did different Spaniards think of it?**

1. Laws of Burgos, 1512-13.
2. General Repartimiento of 1514. On Blackboard.

Week 4

Monday, 23 September **What's the Big Picture on the Spaniards?**

1. Alonso de Zuazo. "State of the Indies."
2. Fernández de Oviedo on the Conquistadores. On Blackboard.

Wednesday, 25 September **How Do Historians Turn This Into A Narrative?**

Thomas, 47-107.

Friday, 27 September **How Do Historians Turn This Into A Narrative?**

Thomas, 108-152, 163-180.

Section 2. Mexico (weeks 5-6)

Week 5

Monday, 30 September **How Do Historians Turn This Into A Narrative?**

Thomas, 183-259.

Wednesday, 2 October **How Did the Conquest of Mexico Draw on the Caribbean?**

Thomas, 183-259, 287-323.

Friday, 4 October **How Did the Conquest of Mexico Draw on the Caribbean?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 29-78.

Week 6

Monday, 7 October **Who Were the Players in Mexico?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 79-126.

Wednesday, 9 October **How Did Cortes Proceed?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 127-181.

Friday, 11 October **How Did the Conquest Come About?**

Victors and Vanquished, pp. 182-243.

Section 3. Peru (weeks 7-8)

Week 7

Monday, 14 October

What Do Historians Debate About This?

Carrasco, "The Return of Quetzalcoatl," on e-reserve.

Gillespie, "The Creation of Topiltzin Quetzalcoatl," on e-reserve.

Document Paper Due.

Note the New Date.

Wednesday, 16 October

What Do Historians Debate About This?

Brooks, Moteczuzoma, Cortes, and Bernal Diaz.

Friday, 18 October

What Have You Learned?

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Fall Break, 18 October to 27 October

Week 8

Monday, 28 October

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 15-117.

Wednesday, 30 October

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 118-192.

Friday, 1 November

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 193-258.

Week 9

Monday, 4 November

What Happened in Peru?

MacQuarrie, 259-378.

Wednesday, 6 November

What is a Different View?

Lamana, "Illusions of Mastery," on e-reserve.

Friday, 8 November

How Should We Understand the Conquest?

Restall, up through p. 63.

Section 4. What History Is this a Part Of? (weeks 10-13)

Week 10

Monday, 11 November

How Should We Understand the Conquest?

Restall, 64-99.

Book Report Due.

Wednesday, 13 November

How Should We Understand the Conquest?

Restall, 100-157.

Friday, 15 November

How Else Might We Understand the Conquest?

Cliff, 1-69.

Week 11

Monday, 18 November **Is This a Consequence of a Clash of Civilizations?**
Cliff, 70-187.

Wednesday, 20 November **Is This a Consequence of a Clash of Civilizations?**
Cliff, 188-244.

Friday, 22 November **Is This a Consequence of a Clash of Civilizations?**
Cliff, 297-336, 354-374.

Week 12

Monday, 25 November **Is This a Consequence of a Clash of Civilizations?**
Cliff, 375-421.

Wednesday, 27 November **What is the Bigger Picture?**
Darwin, 1-45, skim 47-99.

Draft Annotated Bibliography Due.

Friday, 29 November **Thanksgiving Break, No Class**

Section 5. Class Presentations (weeks 13-14)**Week 13**

Monday, 2 December **What is the Bigger Picture?**
Darwin, skim 101-155, 160-217.

Wednesday, 4 December **What Have You Learned About Your Topics?**
Presentations. Class participation grade requires written comments.

Friday, 6 December **What Have You Learned About Your Topics?**
Presentations. Class participation grade requires written comments.

Week 14

Monday, 9 December **What Have You Learned About Your Topics?**
Presentations. Class participation grade requires written comments.

Wednesday, 11 December **What Have You Learned About Your Topics?**
Presentations. Class participation grade requires written comments.

Friday, 13 December **What Have You Learned About Your Topics?**
Presentations. Class participation grade requires written comments.

Thursday & Friday, 19 and 20 December

Date Depends on Section: FINAL EXAM

Final Draft of Annotated Bibliography Due