Spanish America (1492-1914)

| Geography | Western Hemisphere4 areas of Latin America: Caribbean, Central America , South America , Mexico |
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| Р | Ferdinand and Isabella -create united Spain under Reconquista in 1492 same time Columbus "discovers" America Aztecs(1521) and Incas(1535) defeated by Guns Germs Steal Treaty of Tordesillas between Spanish and Portuguese to solve land dispute Viceroyalties are the ways the Spanish colonies are administered with vice royals as representative from the crown Independence movements after nearly 300 yrs of colonial rule—inspired by Revolution in North as well as French and Napoleon Leaders are inspired by Enlightenment but once free often result to similar style leadership of colonial gov't in that it is autocraticrather than crown it is dictatorships or oligarchies |
| E | Columbian exchange- worldwide exchange began with Columbus' discovery of "New World"biological and ecological Triangular Trade=Americas (raw goods) sent to Europe (finished goods) to Africa (slaves) to America Transatlantic Slave Trade - Middle passage Encomiendas- land grants allowing for Indian labor -Mita= labor for land Mercantilism – SILVER caused inflation throughout the globe! Other raw materials and cash cropsknow them and make sure it is not the potato an corn!!!! Increased trade though, joint stock companies mercantilism slave trade became a profitable business After independence still economically dependent on exporting cash crops and raw materials |
| R | Catholic missionaries tried to convert nativesvery successful Father Bartolome se Las Casas- proposed to use African slaves instead of natives because his stance on protecting their rights After independence, Catholic Church is one of the most conservative forces owning lots of land (= power) and controlling education |
| S | Peninsulares- Spanish born living in new world Creoles- Spanish descent born in new world Mestizos - European American Mulattoes- European African Natives and African Slaves Once independence occurs creoles push out peninsulares and become elite allowing still for very little mobility Consistently male-dominated |
| I | Brazil becomes first plantation colony and very important colony to Portugal; lots of slaves needed there and the Caribbean due to Sugar production African labor cheaper source Interaction between continents |
| A | Gold, Silver and diamonds- Silver #1 Iberian and Catholic origins and styles; urban areas of Latin America resemble European towns and cities as far as architecture Temples and sculptures Blended European and native influence but European artistic styles dominated |
| Decline | Tupac Amaro revolt in Peru in 1700sunsuccessful but later revolts will follow beginning in 1798 with Toussaint in Haiti and Hidalgo in Mexico, Bolivar in northern South American and San Martin in Chile and Argentina Independence movements begin and Colonization gradually falling "Old Imperialism" while "New Imperialism" is happening in eastern Hemisphere Once political independence was achieved; instability in government- dictators and caudillos come to power Continued economic dependence on Europe and development of cash crop economy to replace the former mercantilism |
| Global connection | Columbian exchange, Slave Trade, Triangular Trade Silver caused inflation world wide Potato caused an increase in population in Europe and China as supplement to diet; helped to offset the depleted African population sue to slave trade Colonies set up to profit mother country- mercantilism (French Rev American Rev Slave rebellion by Toussaint L'Overture on French island Napoleon invasion of Spain) all inspired revolt in Americas Monroe doctrine (1823) Spanish American war (1898-99) Big Stick Policy (early 1900s) Panama canal (1914) |