

**CHAPTER**  
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**GUIDED READING** *Spain Builds an American Empire*

**Section 1**

**A. Following Chronological Order** As you read about the empire Spain built in the Americas, take notes to answer questions about the time line below.

<b>1492</b>	<b>Christopher Columbus sails westward from Spain, hoping to reach Asia.</b>	→	1. What was the significance of Columbus’s voyages?
<b>1519</b>	<b>Ferdinand Magellan sets sail on a voyage that rounds the southern tip of South America.</b>	↗	2. Magellan himself died in the Philippines. What was the importance of the voyage his crew completed?
<b>1521</b>	<b>Hernando Cortés conquers the Aztec.</b>	↗	3. What factors helped the Spanish defeat the Aztec?
<b>1533</b>	<b>Francisco Pizarro conquers the Inca Empire.</b>	↗	4. How did the Spanish treat the peoples they conquered?
<b>1540</b>	<b>Francisco Vásquez de Coronado explores the Southwest.</b>	↗	5. What was unique about the Spanish colonization of the lands of New Mexico?
<b>1542</b>	<b>Spain abolishes the <i>encomienda</i> system.</b>	↗	6. What was the long-term consequence of this action?

**B. Determining Main Ideas** On the back of this paper define the following terms:

**conquistadors**      **mestizo**      ***encomienda***