Chapter Two

When Worlds Collide, 1492–1590

Part One

Introduction

Chapter Focus Questions

- What was the European background of American colonization?
- How did the Spanish create a New World empire and extend it into North America?
- What was the large-scale intercontinental exchange of peoples, crops, animals, and diseases?
- What was the French role in the beginnings of the North American fur trade?
- How did the English create their first overseas colonies in Ireland and America?

Part Two

The English and Algonquians at Roanoke

American Communities: The English and Algonquians at Roanoke

* How did European imperialist goals create conflicts with Indians?

The First Colony of Roanoke -----*** Map: The Roanoke Colony in 1585 *** Colony off the North Carolina coast founded by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585 **#** Goal was to find wealth: furs, gold or silver, and plantation agriculture **#** Indians seen as laborers ***** Conflict with Algonquians led to abandonment of colony by English

The Lost Colony at Roanoke

- * New colony set up in 1585 aiming for better relations with Algonquians.
- Conflicts occurred, leading to John White's return to England for support.
- * Three years later, White returned to Roanoke.
- * Found colony destroyed and no trace of colonists.
- Colonists may have created the first mixed community of English and Indians in North America.

Part Three

The Expansion of Europe

European Communities

***** What characterized European communities?

European Communities

- * Agricultural society with many new advances in farming technology
- Feudal system divided land into small areas owned by landlords.
- * Peasants paid tribute and performed labor.
- Majority of population Christian; small Jewish minority persecuted
- * Harsh living conditions: famine prevalent.
- * Plague wiped out one-third of Europe's population, 1347–1353.

The Merchant Class and the New Monarchies

- ***** Map: Western Europe in the Fifteenth Century
- European expansion fueled by population increase and commercial growth
- Western European states emerged with monarchs as centers of power
- Alliance between monarchies and merchants paved way for European expansion

The Renaissance

Intellectual and artistic flowering in Europe from the fourteenth to the sixteenth century

- The Crusades stimulated Italian trade with Asia.
- Compass, gunpowder, movable type were introduced to Europe.
- Muslims reintroduced Greek and Roman learning to Europeans.
- * The Renaissance celebrated human possibility.
- Inquisitive and acquisitive spirit of Renaissance helped motivate exploration.

Portuguese Explorations

Prince Henry the Navigator established academy to train seafarers.

• By the mid-fifteenth century most Europeans knew that the Earth was a spherical globe.

- Portuguese trading voyages tried to reach Indies by sailing around Africa.
- # 1488: established several colonies and reached southern tip of Africa.
- Established Atlantic slave trade
- # 1498: Vasco Da Gama sails around Africa to Indies.

Columbus Reaches the Americas

Columbus planned to travel to the Indies by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean.

- In 1492, Spain agreed to finance Columbus
 - They were in need of new lands to conquer and plunder
- In October 1492, Columbus arrived at Caribbean islands.
- Columbus returned to Spain with talk of wealth and proposed inhabitants be enslaved.

• "many spices and great mines of gold"

Discovered clockwise circulation of Atlantic winds and currents.

The New World

- Later Columbus voyages marked by violent slave raiding and obsession with gold
- * Native populations were decimated and virtually eliminated by the 1520s.
 - Without slave population, colonies entered depression
 - Spanish were dissatisfied and ordered arrest of Columbus
- Columbus died in 1506 still thinking that he had opened the new way to the Indies.
- * After sailing to the Caribbean in 1499, Amerigo Vespucci described lands as a New World.

Part Four

The Spanish in the Americas

The Spanish in the Americas

 Map: The Invasion of America
 Who participated in the invasion of Americas?

* Where did they go?

The Invasion of America

- Spanish armies marched across Caribbean islands, slaughtering inhabitants.
 - Encomienda system established
 - Indians labor and Spanish lords protect Indians
 - Turned into slave system
- In 1517, Spanish under Hernan Cortes reached Mexico, home of Aztec empire.
 - Aztecs dominated Central Mexico, extracting tribute and sacrificing human captives.
 - Cortes allied with subject peoples and conquered Aztec empire, aided by disease.
- Wealth was the driving force behind conquest

The Destruction of the Indies

- Spanish horses, guns, and steel overcame Indian resistance.
- * Las Casas blamed Spanish for cruelty and deaths of millions of Indians.
 - The "Black Legend"
- Only a small portion of the deaths can be attributed to warfare.
- * Famine, lower birth rates, and epidemic diseases were largely responsible for the radical reduction in native populations.

The Decline of the Indian Population

- Chart: North America's Indian and Colonial Populations in the seventeenth and eighteenth Centuries
- * The population of Mexico fell from 25 million in 1519 to one million a century later.
- By the twentieth century, native population had fallen by 90 percent.
- * "Virgin Soil Epidemics"
 - Diseases were the greatest killer of Indians

Intercontinental Exchange

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Exchanges between Old and New Worlds occurred

- European diseases decimated Indian populations.
- American precious metals
 - Runaway inflation
 - Stimulated commerce
 - Lowered standard of living for most Europeans
- American crops to Europe- corn, potatoes, cotton, chocolate, tobacco
- European crops to America- wheat, sugar, rice, horses, cattle

The First Europeans in North America

- In 1519, first of several unsuccessful colonization attempts failed in Florida.
- Europeans were searching for slaves and the rumored cities of wealth.
- In 1539, Hernan DeSoto traveled throughout South, spreading disease that depopulated and weakened Indian societies.
- In 1539, Francisco de Coronado searched for lost cities of gold in Southwest.
- * Explorers failed to find great cities and turned back.

The Spanish New World Empire

***** By late sixteenth century, the Spanish had a powerful American empire. **#** 200,000 Europeans and 125,000 Africans lived in Spanish colonies. * Population was racially mixed. ***** Council of the Indies governed empire but local autonomy prevailed.

Part Five

Northern Explorations and Encounters

Fish and Furs

- Abundant fish in Grand Banks of North Atlantic led Europeans to explore North American coastal waters.
- French were first to explore eastern North American and established claims to lands of Canada
- European-Indian relations based on trade, especially furs.
- Disease and wars over hunting grounds reduced Indian populations.
- Indians became dependent on European manufactured goods.

The Protestant Reformation and the First French Colonies

- German priest Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
- * Protestant John Calvin followers in France were called Huguenots.
 - Huguenots were largely merchants and members of the middle class.
 - Huguenots planted first French colonies in South Carolina and Florida in an effort to find religious refuge.
- French enjoyed good relations with Indians.Spanish destroyed French colony in Florida.

Sixteenth-Century England

Enclosure movement stimulated English colonization.

• Expanded woolen trade and cost growing number of farmers their land, creating large unemployed population.

- King Henry VIII established the Protestant Church of England.
- "Bloody Mary" murdered hundreds of Protestants.
- Queen Elizabeth I encouraged supporters to subdue Irish Catholics to prevent any invasion efforts by Spain.
 - Brutal, vicious invasion led to conquest of Ireland, setting English pattern of colonization.

Early English Efforts in the Americas

- # English "Sea Dogs" raided Spanish New World fleets.
- Rivalry with Spain led Queen Elizabeth I to found colonies.
 - Colonies could provide bases to raid the Spanish, free England from reliance on trade with Asia, and provide a home for the homeless.
- Some colonization efforts failed including expeditions to Newfoundland and Roanoke.
- Spain became angry that the English were taking territory that had been set aside by the pope for Catholics.
 - Spanish Armada defeated by English fleet in 1588, halting Spanish monopoly on Americas.

Part Six

Conclusion

European Exploration of the Americas

Map: European Exploration, 1492–1591
In the century after Columbus came to the Americas, Europeans had explored:

most of the Atlantic coast of North America;
much of the Pacific coast of North America; and
the interior of southeastern and southwestern North America.

When Worlds Collide

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