

# Guided Reading Activity

## The Age of Exploration

### Lesson 3 Colonial Latin America

#### Review Questions

**Directions:** Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

- A. Main Idea:** The political and economic expansion of Spain and Portugal created a complex mix of social classes and people in Latin America.
- Detail:** Social classes in colonial Latin America were based on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Detail:** \_\_\_\_\_, Spanish and Portuguese officials born in Europe, were the highest social class and maintained power in colonial Latin America.
  - Detail:** \_\_\_\_\_ were Europeans born in Latin America and their descendants. Several \_\_\_\_\_ groups were beneath the \_\_\_\_\_ and the *peninsulares*.
  - Detail:** Many social groups, such as the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, emerged as a result of the intermarriage between Europeans and Native Americans or Africans.
  - Detail:** The Portuguese and Spanish increased their wealth by removing natural resources like \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from Latin American land.
  - Detail:** Through the \_\_\_\_\_ system, Spanish landowners forced Native Americans to pay taxes and provide \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Detail:** In Peru, through a system known as the \_\_\_\_\_, authorities could \_\_\_\_\_ native peoples to work in silver mines.
- B. Main Idea:** Portuguese and Spanish rulers exerted authority over their colonies through a bureaucratic system of government and the influence of the Catholic Church.
- Detail:** Portuguese and Spanish monarchies appointed governor-generals, or \_\_\_\_\_, to help govern their colonies in Latin America.
  - Detail:** Determined to \_\_\_\_\_ the native peoples, Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Spanish Empire brought Native Americans together into missions.
  - Detail:** With the establishment of convents, women had an outlet other than marriage; they could become \_\_\_\_\_.

# Guided Reading Activity *Cont.*



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### Summary and Reflection

**Directions:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What were the social, economic, and political characteristics of Spanish and Portuguese rule in Latin America?

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