

Aim: How did the Spanish conquests affect the Native Americans?

Notes

### I. Cortes

- Cortes was a conquistador
- Wanted to conquer Mexico for gold
- Helped by Malinche
- Believed to be Quetzalcoatl
- Arrived receiving gifts eventually turned on the Aztecs
- Captured Montezuma
- When Montezuma died, Cortes teamed with other tribes to defeat the Aztecs
- He was considered a Hero, became famous and very rich

### II. Pizzaro

- Wanted to conquer the Incas
- He also wanted gold and riches
- Captured ruler of Inca
- Atahualpa promised 13,420 pounds of gold and 26,000 pounds of silver
- Pizzaro killed him anyway
- Incan Empire fell

### III. Treatment of the Indians

- Bartolomé de Las Casas
- Defended the Indians
- Bartolomé de Las Casas: accounts of the acts that the Spanish colonists inflicted
- This included hanging them, roasting them on spits, hacking their children into pieces