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Establishment of Overseas Empires & Decimation of Indigenous Peoples



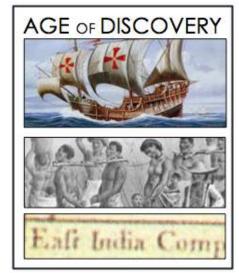


### PRE-COLUMBIAN NAVIGATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

In medieval Europe, Navigation was considered one of the 7 Mechanic Arts (the others being Weaving, Blacksmithing, War, Agriculture, Hunting, Medicine, and the Performing Arts). Despite this, the Europeans had a VERY limited worldview. The time before Columbus (pre-1492) is also known as the medieval period or the Middle Ages. During this time, few Europeans knew of the world outside of Europe. North Africa was totally under the control of the Arab Muslims, as was the Middle East leaving Europe isolated.

There were stories of societies south of the Sahara desert. People like Marco Polo in the mid-1200s added to the Europeans limited knowledgebase about their surrounding world.

Most of the knowledge of the outside world came from the most economically and academically advanced society in the world: The Muslims. It is the Muslims where Columbus and other navigators learned how to navigate the seas. Besides a few exceptions (Nile, Tigris, Euphrates) the Islamic world had few rivers. So, travel on the sea was extremely important. Below are some of the technologies they developed for sea travel. All of the following allowed for Christopher Columbus to make his trans-Atlantic journey in 1492.



#### Compass (4<sup>th</sup> Century BCE)

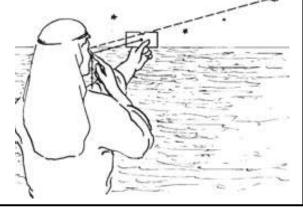
- (4<sup>th</sup> Century BC
- From Ancient China
- Originally used in Fortune Telling
- Also, used for Feng-shui
- Found a special form of metal (*Magnetite*) if suspended from a string would always point in the same direction (*North*)
- Spread to the Middle East & Europe with Genghis Khan in the 1300s
- Originally, it was a Magnetite spoon on a bronze plate



## Kamal

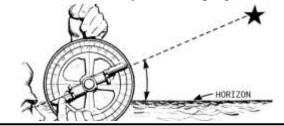
(9<sup>th</sup> Century)

- Invented by Arab sailors
- Earliest accurate measure of latitude
- 1x2" card
- Punch a hole in the card
- Mark a notch on top of the card
- Point at the North star
- Using the knotted string, you can determine your degree of latitude



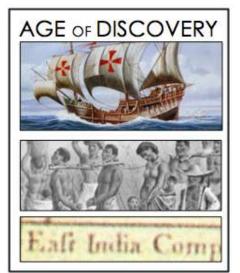
### Astrolabe

- (2<sup>nd</sup> Century BCE) Invented in Greece by Hipparchus
  - Father of Trigonometry
- Later, Muslims came up with 1000 uses • Astronomy, Timekeeping, Qibla



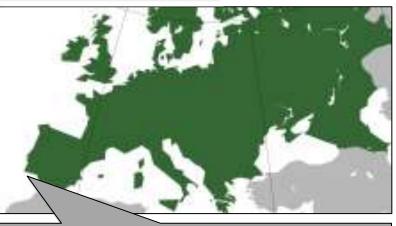
#### Lateen Sails (Debatable) Reintroduced to the Mediterranean by Arab sailors from the Indian Ocean

- Lateen=Triangular Sail
- Superior to the Square Sail
- Allows you to sail into the wind



## "SCHOOL" of NAVIGATION

- Founded in 1418 on Portugal's most Southwestern point
- Considered to be the Westernmost Point on the Earth
- Not a "school" the way we think of it today
- $\circ$   $\,$  More a collection of scholars, geographers, and navigators
- $\circ$   $\;$  Included observatory, ship building facility, chapel, etc.
- Goals:
- To invent and improve navigational techniques
- To sponsor expeditions to find a route to Asia
- $\circ$  To spread Christianity around the world
- Developed a new, faster boat= Caravel
- Nina (pictured) & Pinta were Caravels

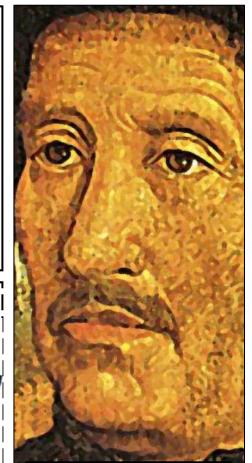


### GRADUATES OF THE "SCHOOL"

Afonso Baldaia Explored the coast of West Africa Bartolomeu Dias First to reach the tip of Africa Vasco da Gama Discovered the Sea Route to Asia Pedro Cabral Discovered Brazil Gil Eannes Brought first boatload of 200 slaves to Portuge







## HENRY THE NAVIGATOR

(1394-1460) Henry of Portugal was the third (living) son of the King of Portugal. Henry is considered the "Father of Portuguese Exploration". His school, expeditions, and students led Portugal to become one of the dominant maritime powers on earth.



#### Demand for GOLD & Natural Resources

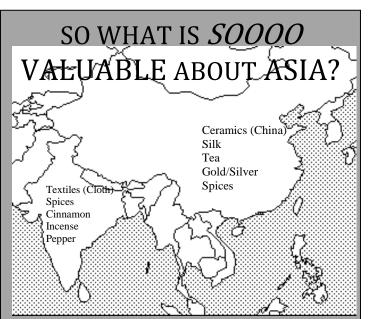
- Main reason for exploration
- Eur. First tasted luxury goods during Crusades
- Demand was greater than supply (\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$)

## Spread the <u>CHRISTIAN</u> Religion Islam controlled all of the trade routes

- Catholic nations sought to spread religion in wake of the Reformation

## C-O-M-P-E-T-I-T-I-O-N European nations competed for:

- Raw Materials
- Territory 0
- Souls 0





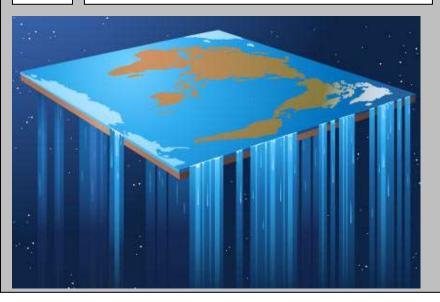


#### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS EDITION

Follow along as we debunk these popularly held beliefs about one of history's most important humans.

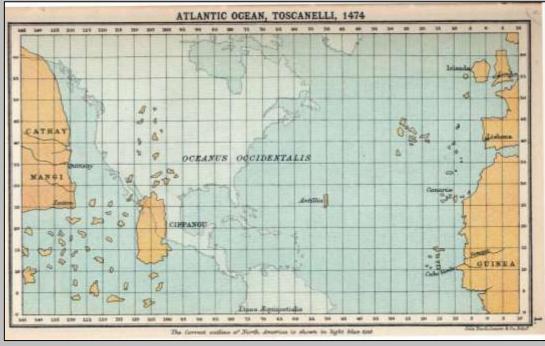
#### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DISCOVERED AMERICA

- CC never set foot in the USA
- He only landed on the mainland twice
- CC wasn't the 1<sup>st</sup> European to reach America
- Asians (Native Americans) beat him by about 15,000 years.
- And what about Biarni Herjulfson?
  - CC WANTED TO PROVE THAT EARTH IS ROUND
- By 1492, there was consensus on the shape of the earth being spherical
- Ancient Greeks & Muslims solved this issue
- The issue being debated was the size of the sphere



#### CC WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO WANT TO GO WEST TO REACH ASIA

- As early as the 1470s, people were trying to head west to get east
- Paolo Toscanelli made this map in 1474
  - $\circ$   $\;$  He tried to get the Portuguese to sponsor a voyage
  - They said no...
- Paulo then mailed this map to Columbus, who took it with him on his voyages



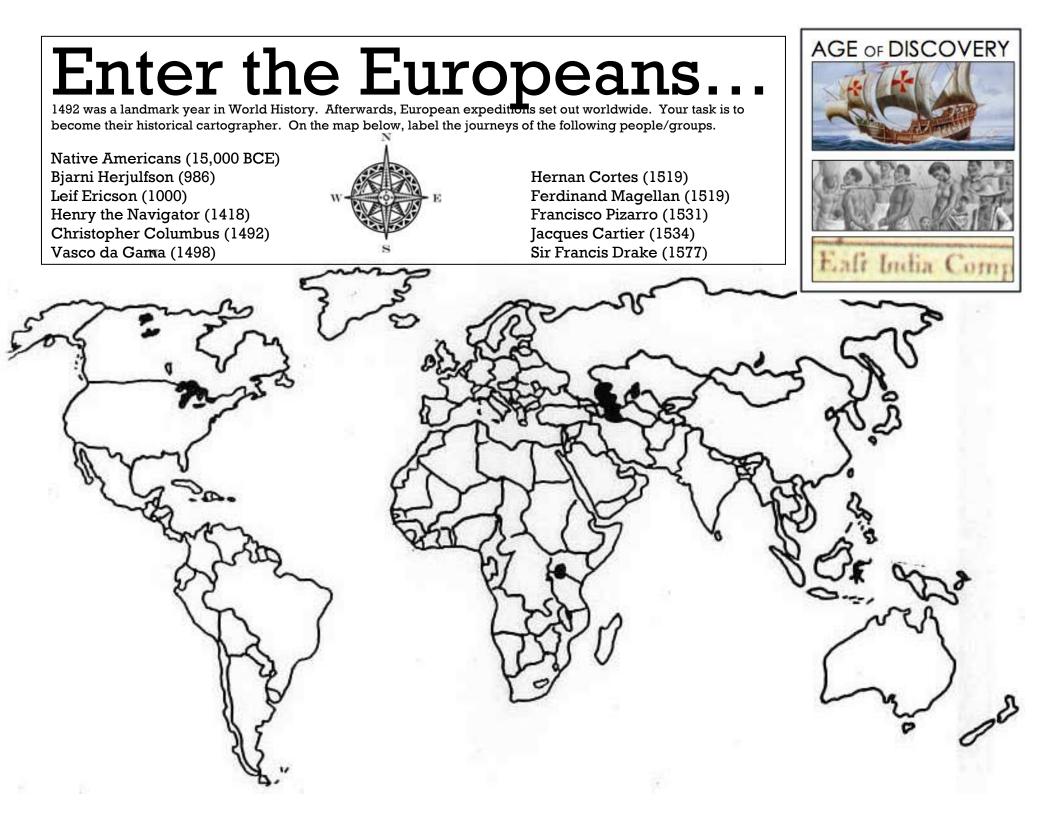
#### CC IS REMEMBERED AS A HEROIC EXPLORER WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

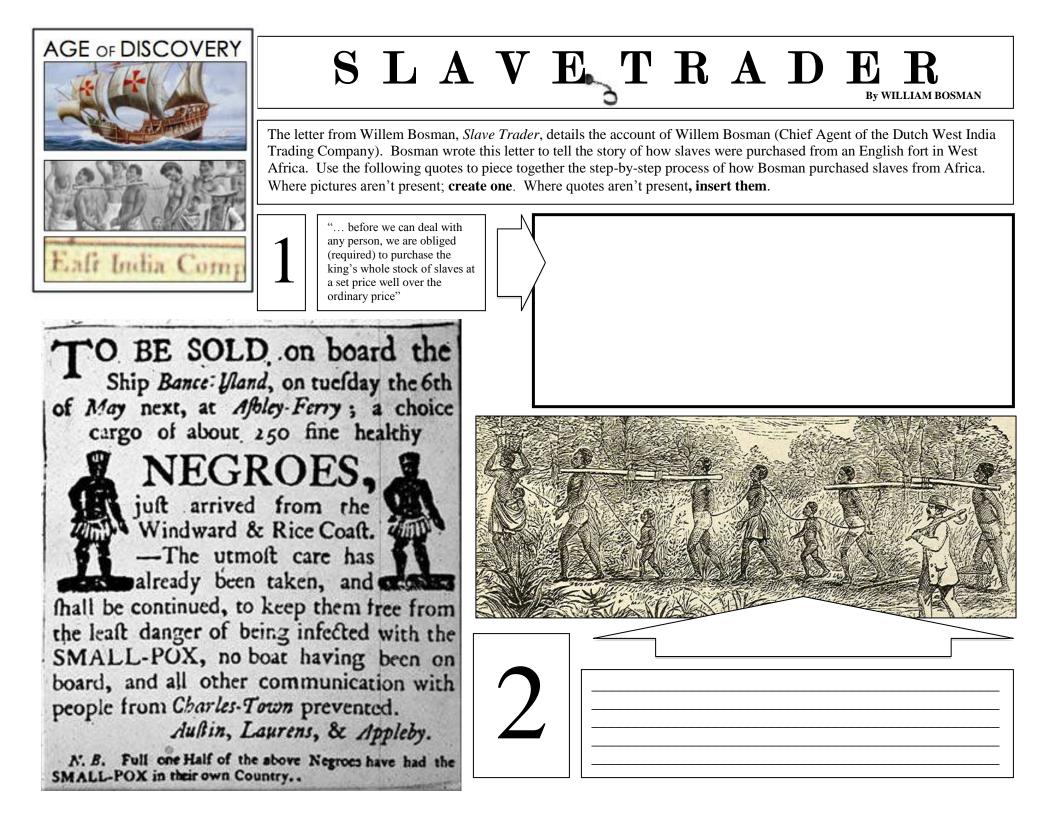
- CC's journey was historic
- CC created the first permanent settlement in the new world
- The diseases that Columbus brought, along with the Spanish, English, and French rule that followed decimated the Native American population

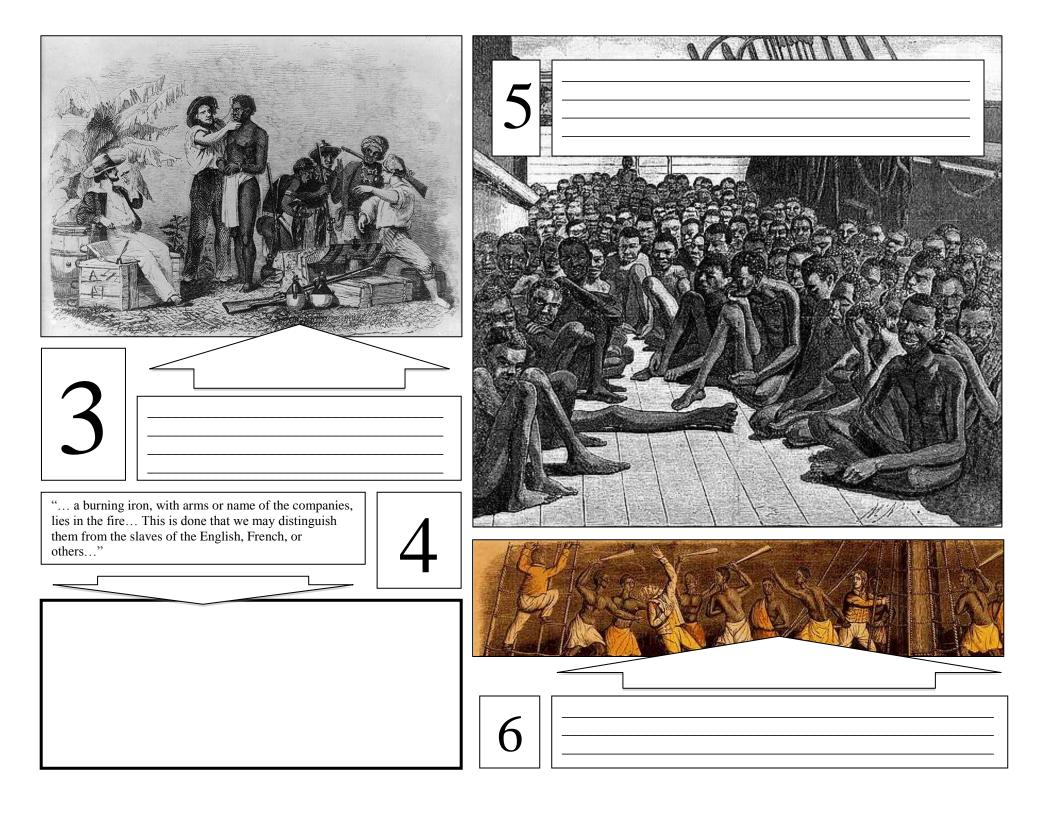
## HOMELAND



FIGHTING TERRORISM SINCE 1492



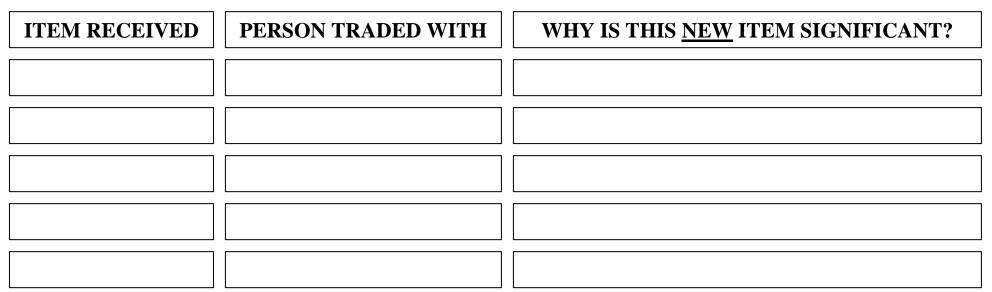


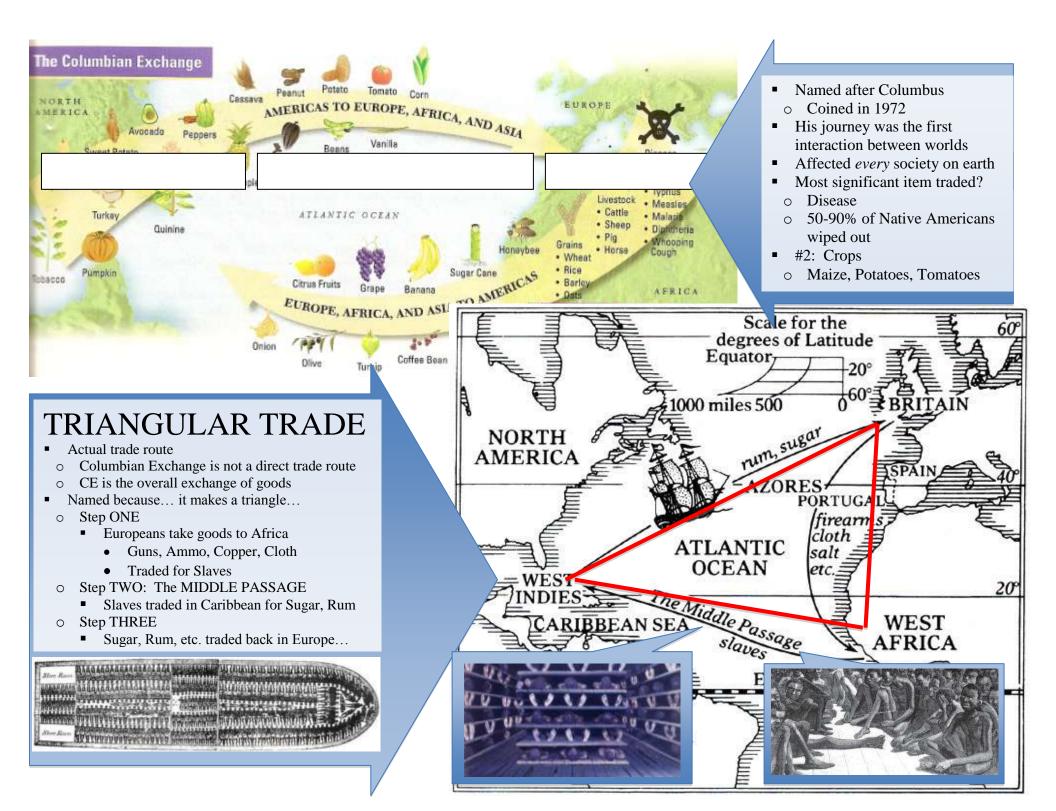


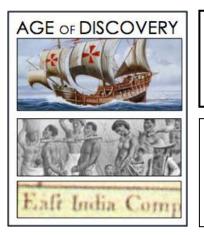
AGE OF DISCOVERY	<b>New World</b> , New Trade Routes Imagine you are sitting in class right now. Okay, now imagine that the room began to shake and light up with strange lights from the sky. Looking out the window, you see a hovering disk. From this disk a bridge extends to the window of our room. You get up and open the window to let these strange visitors to our planet enter the
Eafr India Comp	friendly confines of Stone Bridge High School (the first stop any sentient trans-galactic traveller would make on their interstellar journeys). So NAME THREE THINGS OUR NEW FRIENDS WOULD BRING WITH THEM TO HAY ROAD THAT MIGHT INTEREST HUMANITY 1 2 3 NAME THREE THINGS OUR NEW FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FROM STONE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL/EARTH 1 2 3

You may think to yourself, this would never happen... But it did. In 1492, Christopher Columbus and his ships arrived to a New World with diseases, technologies, foods, etc. that the New World people had never seen. And, the New World people (Native Americans) had diseases, technologies, foods, etc. that the Old World people (Europeans) had never seen. Today, you are going to reenact this coming together of two worlds.

#### MY ITEM IS:

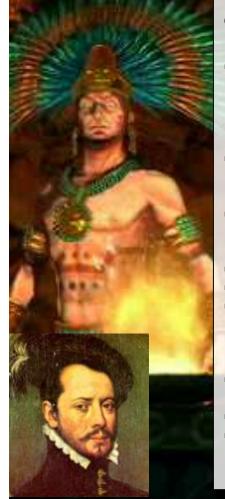






# IMPACT: "HE AMERIGANS

By the early 1500s, stories of the islands beyond Hispaniola (where Columbus originally landed) reached the King of Spain. The Portuguese (their competitors in the realm of exploration), where conquering tons of lands in Asia. So, King Ferdinand sent out expeditions led by Conquistadors (Conquerors). Once these conquistadors reached the mainland, they encountered existing civilizations as large as any in Europe. Below is the story of two conquistadors who conquered the two largest civilizations on the American continent with only a few dozen men and even less guns.

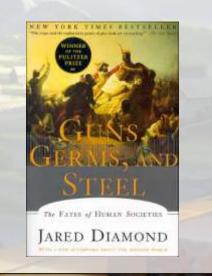


## AZTEGS

- Hernan Cortes went to secure Central Mexico for Spain
  - Claimed Yucatan for Spain
  - Heard stories of the wealthy Aztec Empire from natives
- Cortes requested a meeting with Montezuma II
  - Montezuma refused
- Cortes entered a large Aztec city and massacred thousands
  - Burned the city down
- Montezuma then agreed to meet
- Aztecs mistook Cortes as a god
- Cortes found that his troops on the coast were under attack
  - Hence, he took Montezuma hostage
- This is when the <u>MASSACRE IN</u> <u>THE MAIN TEMPLE</u> occurred
- Montezuma was killed
- Tenochtitlan became Mexico City

## INGAS

- Pizarro had heard stories from previous expeditions
  - o "El Dorado"
- Matched with the success of his cousin Cortes in Mexico
- Eventually met with Atahuallpa
  Recounted in the book:





## The massacre in the main Temple

On may 10, 1520 something happened in the main temple during the celebration of toxcatl while Cortes and several of his troops were away. Cortes left don Alvarado in charge (an especially cruel conquistador. Below are accounts from each side. What *really* happened?



...a few days after Cortes left to confront Narváez, it became time for a festival the Mexicas wanted to celebrate in their traditional way.... They begged Pedro de Alvarado to give them his permission, so [the Spaniards] wouldn't think that they planned to kill them. Alvarado consented provided that there were no sacrifices, no people killed, and no one had weapons.

Some said there were more than a thousand there. They made a lot of noise with their drums, and bugles, which sounded like a loud whistle. Preparing their festival, they were naked, but covered with precious stones, many jewels of gold, silver, and mother-of-pearl, wearing very rich feathers on their heads.

They performed a dance called the mazeualiztli, which is called that because it is a holiday from work. They danced in circles, holding hands, to the music of the singers, to which they responded. The songs were sacred, and not profane, and were sung to praise the god honored in the festival.

While the Mexica gentlemen were dancing in the temple yard of Vitcilopuchtli [Huitzilopochtli], Pedro de Alvarado went there. he [Alvarado] covered each of the entrances with ten or twelve Spaniards and went inside with more than fifty [Spaniards], and without remorse and lacking any Christian piety, they brutally stabbed and killed the Indians, and took what they were wearing. Here it is told how the Spaniards killed, they murdered the Mexicas who were celebrating the Fiesta of Huitzilopochtli...

At this time, when everyone was enjoying the fiesta, when everyone was already dancing, when everyone was already singing...in that precise moment the Spaniards determined to kill people. They came into the patio, armed for battle. They came to close the exits, the steps, the entrances. And when they had closed them, no one could get out anywhere. Once they had done this, they entered the Sacred Patio to kill people.

Immediately, they surrounded those who danced, then rushed to the place where the drums were played. They attacked the man who was drumming and cut off both his arms. Then they cut off his head [with such a force] that it flew off, falling far away. They struck some from behind, who fell instantly to the ground with their entrails hanging out [of their bodies]. They cut off the heads of some and smashed the heads of others into little pieces. They slashed others in the abdomen and their entrails fell to the earth. There were some who even ran in vain, but their bowels spilled as they ran; they seemed to get their feet entangled with their own entrails.

Some tried to escape, but the Spaniards murdered them at the gates while they laughed. The blood of the warriors ran like water as they ran, forming pools, which widened, as the smell of blood and entrails fouled the air.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED BELOW...





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