Europe Conquers the World  
(The Age of Exploration and Discovery)

Why European Expansion
• The Muslim (& Italian) dominance of the Mediterranean spice trade
• Europe wakes up!
• Prince Henry “The Navigator” (1394 – 1460)
• Technology of Discovery
• Sea Routes around Africa
• Voyages of Christopher Columbus (1492 –1504)

The Technology of Conquest
• Caravels and Gallons, forged steel swords, armor, gunpowder, arquebuses (guns), crossbows, and cannons
• European life ways vs. Native life ways
• The Columbian Exchange

Indian Life ways and Worldview…
• Unlike Europeans
  – Native Americans lived within the balance of nature
• Mankind was just one of many independent parts of the universe
• Shamanism was common
• Indians in most part lived with minimal ecological destruction
• The new world was not peaceful
• In many respects warfare was a personal endeavor

Portugal and Prince Henry
• Prince Henry “the Navigator” (1394-1460)
• School for navigators, 1419
• Gold (slaves), God, and Glory
• Bartolomeu Dias,
• Vasco De Gama
• Admiral Alfonso de Albuquerque
• Portuguese successfully destroy Arab Spice Trade

The Civilizations of Latin America
• Maya, Aztec, and Inca
• The Aztec and the Inca were late empires
• The Maya (southern Mexico, Central America)

The Conquest of the Americas
• The Spanish who founded the New World were Conquistadors
• Columbus conquers Caribbean from 1492- 1504
• Hernan Cortez conquers the Aztecs 1519-1521
• Francisco Pizarro conquers the Inca from 1533- 1535
• Francisco Montejo subjugates the Mayans in 1542
• The Spanish institute the encomienda system

The Spanish in America
• The Spanish will end up controlling much of the Americas
• They will at first use the Encomienda system leading to the deaths of millions of Native Americans
• Allows for the mass conversion of millions to Catholicism

The Slave Trade and Its Effects
• Millions of Africans will be forcibly shipped to the Americas
• The Sugarcane boom (1600s – 1700s) in the Caribbean
• Mass importation of slaves
• 10 million slaves will come to the new world (mostly on British ships)
• The slave trade had several effects
• It fueled British expansion and commerce

The English In North America
• The British first colonized North America at Jamestown 1607
• England seized Dutch New Amsterdam (New Netherlands) in 1664
• By 1750 there were 1.5 million “British” in 13 American Colonies.
• Samuel de Champlain established French Quebec in 1608
• The French colony grew slowly when compared to the British colonies

Wars and the English Colonies
• Mercantilism and dynastic politics
• War Of The League Of Augsburg (1689 -1697)
  – King Williams War in America
• War of Spanish Succession (1702 -1713)
  – Queen Anne’s War in America
• Anglo-Dutch Wars (4 wars /1652-1784)
• War of Austrian Succession (1740 -1748)
  – King George’s War
• Seven Years War (1754-1763)
  – French and Indian War in America