**UNIT III NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES**

**Learning Focus**

In this unit, you will be exploring a changing world in the Americas after the Europeans began to arrive. We will begin by studying the history of the Vikings and their early efforts at developing colonies in North America. After this, we will examine the earliest years of Spanish colonization of the Americas in light of the Columbus voyages. We will next discuss a phenomenon known as the Columbian Exchange, the transfer of new life forms between the New World and the Old World.

The conquest of several major empires will be our next focus in this unit. The efforts by the Spanish to topple the Aztec Empire will be discussed, and we will explore a variety of causes for the downfall of this empire. We will end the unit by examining the causes and effects of the Spanish conquest of the once-mighty Inca Empire.

**Unit 3 Essential Questions**: Upon the completion of this unit, you will be able to do the following:

1. Explain the Columbian Exchange and how it affected the Americas.
2. Identify the factors that led to the Spanish conquests in the Americas.
3. Explain how the Spanish organized their newly conquered territories in the Americas.

**Unit 3 - Reading Questions and Test Review**

Use the guiding questions below to help you take notes. You should be able to answer these before taking a Unit test.

3.1 Guiding Questions:

Why did pre-Columbian voyages by the Europeans fail to result in colonization?

What was the significance of the voyages of Columbus?

What advantages did Europeans have that Native Americans did not possess?

3.2 Guiding Questions:

What biological changes occurred after the arrival of the Europeans in the Americas?

How did the Columbian Exchange affect Native Americans?

How did the Columbian Exchange affect other parts of the world?

3.3 Guiding Questions:

What advantages did the Spanish have during their conquest of the Aztec Empire?

What factors led to the eventual defeat of the Aztecs?

How might the conquest of the Aztecs be seen as a symbol for the future by Europeans?

3.4 Guiding Questions:

What advantages did the Spanish have during their conquest of the Inca?

What factors led to the eventual defeat of the Inca?

In what ways were the conquests of the Aztecs and the Inca similar and different?

Columbian Exchange

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# The Spanish Empire, Silver, & Runaway Inflation: Crash Course World History #25 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjhIzemLdos>

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