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## Conquistadors and the New World



The Age of \_\_\_\_\_ was a time when European powers were eager to discover new lands. The \_\_\_\_\_ were Spanish and Portuguese adventurers who ventured into the \_\_\_\_\_.

These men were motivated by the prospects of wealth, land, and titles. They traveled across vast \_\_\_\_\_ in small, overcrowded ships. Upon arrival, they encountered diverse indigenous populations. Many \_\_\_\_\_ had never seen horses or firearms, which the Europeans used to their advantage. The conquistadors were led by figures like \_\_\_\_\_ and Pizarro, who are known for their conquests of large empires. They toppled the \_\_\_\_\_ and Inca empires, claiming vast territories for Spain. These events dramatically changed the cultural \_\_\_\_\_ of the Americas. New crops such as tomatoes and potatoes were introduced to Europe, transforming European \_\_\_\_\_.

However, the arrival of the Europeans also brought diseases that decimated the native populations. The \_\_\_\_\_ and silver found fueled the European economies but also led to numerous conflicts. This era shaped the modern \_\_\_\_\_, leaving a complex legacy of exploration and colonization.

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