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New World Discoveries



During the Age of _____, European nations were driven by the desire to find new trade routes and territories. This _____ was marked by significant discoveries, including the lands that would later be known as the Americas. The _____ initially believed they had found a new route to Asia, but they soon realized they had encountered entirely _____ continents.

The exploration of the New World was led by figures such as _____, who in 1492 landed on an island in the Caribbean. His voyages opened the floodgates for further _____ by other European powers. The Spanish, led by _____ like Hernán Cortés and Francisco Pizarro, were quick to establish colonies and search for _____.

These explorations led to the widespread _____ of the Americas. The Europeans brought with them technologies and practices that were alien to the native _____. They introduced crops like wheat and animals like horses, which transformed the _____ and indigenous ways of life.

However, this era was also marked by the tragic _____ of European diseases on the Native Americans, who had no immunity to _____ such as smallpox. This, combined with the harsh treatments and forced _____ under colonial rule, led to a dramatic decline in the native populations.

Economically, the colonization of the New World was highly beneficial for the European _____. The vast resources found, from silver in Peru to sugar plantations in the Caribbean, fueled economic _____ back in Europe. This wealth also contributed to the development of the transatlantic slave trade, which had devastating _____ on African societies.

Culturally, the New World became a melting pot of European, Native American, and _____ influences, creating diverse and rich cultures. However, this cultural exchange came at a high cost to those who were _____.

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