The Spanish Conquest of the Americas
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Summary
This book is about how the Spanish traveled to the Americas and the results of this contact.

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Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.

1. What are people from Spain called? ______________________

2. What were the Spanish soldiers called? ______________________

3. Who did the Spanish soldiers meet in Mexico? ______________________

4. What did the Spanish do when they met these people? ______________________
Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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- a. spices
- b. Aztec
- c. explorer
- d. conquistador
- e. resentment
- f. cannon
- g. vanilla
- h. avocado
B Write the word for each definition.

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1. ____________  a grain used to make flour for bread and other food
2. ____________  a strong feeling that something is true or real
3. ____________  to fight against a person in power
4. ____________  an illness
5. ____________  to overthrow or beat

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Conquistadors like Cortes and Pizarro wanted to defeat the people and own the land.
   a. conquer  b. disease  c. rebel  d. conquistador

2. The Hispanic countries fought for freedom of external control and became republics.
   a. republic  b. Inca  c. independence  d. smallpox

3. On his last trip, Columbus discovered the larger portion of land of South America.
   a. mainland  b. belief  c. conquest  d. Spaniard

4. People wanted this spicy powder from Asia to make their food taste better.
   a. vanilla  b. pepper  c. avocado  d. wheat
Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

a. The people of Europe wanted pepper and other spices to make their lives better.
b. Many conquistadors wanted money and gold for themselves and their king.
c. The Aztecs believed the god Quetzalcoatl would return to them.

1. ________  2. ________  3. ________

B Choose the best answer.

1. What lies between Europe and Asia and between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans?
   a. A large and long land  
   b. The edge of the world  
   c. Dangerous sea monsters  
   d. All of the above

2. What did the explorers want from the new land?
   a. To make new discoveries  
   b. To spread religion  
   c. To get rich  
   d. All of the above

3. What did America give to Europe?
   a. Horses  
   b. Turkeys  
   c. Cannons  
   d. All of the above
C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

a. An Aztec calendar used to tell the passage of time
b. New goods from America
c. Lands controlled by the Spanish
d. A great feeling of resentment toward the Spanish
e. Smallpox—a disease brought by the Spanish

1. ________  2. ________  3. ________  4. ________

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. ________ The queen and king of Spain paid for the ships Columbus needed.

2. ________ Columbus first landed in India.

3. ________ Francisco Pizarro wanted gold and silver from the Incas in Peru.

4. ________ The Spanish discovered rice in the Americas.

5. ________ Spain still rules the Hispanic countries in the Americas today.
Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. ____________ came from Asia by land, and they were very expensive.
   - Spices  Avocados

2. The native people in America felt _______________ toward the Spaniards.
   - resentment  defeat

3. Amerigo Vespucci was a(n) _______________ who traveled along the coast of South America.
   - conquistador  explorer

4. The Spanish brought _______________ that killed the native people.
   - peppers  diseases

5. The Hispanic countries won their _______________ from Spain in the 19th century.
   - resentment  independence

Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

a. __________ Thousands of years ago, some Asians traveled to the Americas.

b. __________ By the end of the 16th century, Spain ruled the Americas.

c. __________ Christopher Columbus sailed west in order to find Asia.

d. __________ The Hispanic countries became independent republics.

e. __________ Amerigo Vespucci realized he was not in Asia.
A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

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B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned ____________________________________________
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Before I read this book, I knew ______________________________________
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Now I also know _________________________________________________
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