Chapter 4 - Lesson 3

Guided Reading Activity
The Age of Exploration

Lesson 3 Colonial Latin America

Review Questions

DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea. (When answering online, separate multiple answers with a comma and one space.)

**A. Main Idea:** The political and economic expansion of Spain and Portugal created a complex mix of social classes and people in Latin America.

1. **Detail:** Social classes in colonial Latin America were based on ______________.

2. **Detail:** ______________, Spanish and Portuguese officials born in Europe, were the highest social class and maintained power in colonial Latin America.

3. **Detail:** ______________ were Europeans born in Latin America and their descendants. Several ______________ groups were beneath the ______________ and the *peninsulares*.

4. **Detail:** Many social groups, such as the ______________ and ______________, emerged as a result of the intermarriage between Europeans and Native Americans or Africans.

5. **Detail:** The Portuguese and Spanish increased their wealth by removing natural resources like ______________ and ______________ from Latin American land.

6. **Detail:** Through the ______________ system, Spanish landowners forced Native Americans to pay taxes and provide ______________.

7. **Detail:** In Peru, through a system known as the ______________, authorities could ______________ native peoples to work in silver mines.

**B. Main Idea:** Portuguese and Spanish rulers exerted authority over their colonies through a bureaucratic system of government and the influence of the Catholic Church.

8. **Detail:** Portuguese and Spanish monarchies appointed governor-generals, or ______________, to help govern their colonies in Latin America.

9. **Detail:** Determined to ______________ the native peoples, Catholic ______________ throughout the Spanish Empire brought Native Americans together into missions.

10. **Detail:** With the establishment of convents, women had an outlet other than marriage; they could become ______________.
Summary and Reflection

DIRECTIONS:
Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

11. What were the social, economic, and political characteristics of Spanish and Portuguese rule in Latin America?
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A complete answer should include: social characteristics of the Latin American colonies, such as the complex interactions between the various peoples in the colonies and the stratified class system; economic characteristics such as the removal of natural resources, the encomienda and mita systems, and trade with Europe; political characteristics such as government by viceroys and the powerful influence of the Catholic Church and the activities of its missionaries.