

Europeans Explore and Settle in the Americas

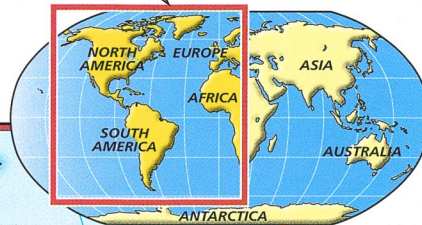
Early European explorers searching for the Indies found unexpected opportunities in the Americas. By 1750 Europeans controlled most of the Americas.

- Europeans established colonies in the Americas and looked for ways to make a profit from the land and its resources.
- European colonization led to the conquest of Native American peoples, including the Aztec and Inca Empires.
- As European land claims expanded, Native Americans lost control of their traditional lands.

What is colonization?

Colonization is the act of a country claiming, ruling, and settling its people in a territory outside its boundary. The territory is called a "colony."

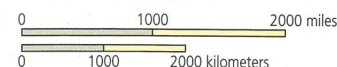
Area shown in maps A and C



European Exploration and Settlement 1497-1640

Explorers and Settlement Regions

- English
- French
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Dutch



A Exploration of the Americas led to the establishment of European land claims and settlement regions. By 1640 which European country had the largest settlement regions?



B Spanish explorers killed thousands of Native Americans during their conquests. They claimed large areas of land for Spain and in the name of the Roman Catholic Church.



European Land Claims and Early Cities 1750

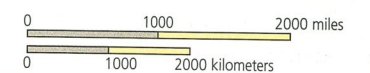
Land Claims Including Settlement Regions

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Main Economic Activity

- Mining
- Plantation farming
- Fur trapping
- Fishing

1565 Date city was founded



C Europeans in Middle and South America made money through activities such as sugar production and silver mining. What were the main economic activities of colonies in North America?